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AUGUST 30TH 1976 was the date when the members of Norfolk Isl- and Council had to say what rights they thought Pitcairn descendants should have if they live elsewhere and want to move here.

Council was finally discussing the proposed changes to Norfolk's Immi- gration Ordinance, after many mon- hs of delay and postponements in facing one of the Island's most emo- tional questions.

There was no question in anyone's mind, at the meeting, whether the Island should restrict immigration. It is simply accepted that Norfolk is too small to receive everyone who might wish to come live here.

Taking that as a starting point, the question that needs answering is who should be allowed in -- and what special rights, if any, should apply to people of Pitcairn Island descent.

At present people of Pitcairn de- scent have no automatic right to move here. It is sometimes assum- ed that they do; Cr. Bruce McKen-

zie asked if it wasn't automatic for overseas Pitcairners to get residence rights if they came here. But Ad- ministrative Officer David Buffett, asked to state the policy, said "Such is not the case. They are given favourable consideration in staying on the Island, but that has not entitled them to automatic res- idence."

In drawing up a new immigration law, should people of Pitcairn de- scent be assured the right to live here if they want to? Potts Buffett, while he was Deputy Administra- tor, thought they should be. His proposal was one part of "the Rum- pit paper" that Council took as its basis for discussing the subject.

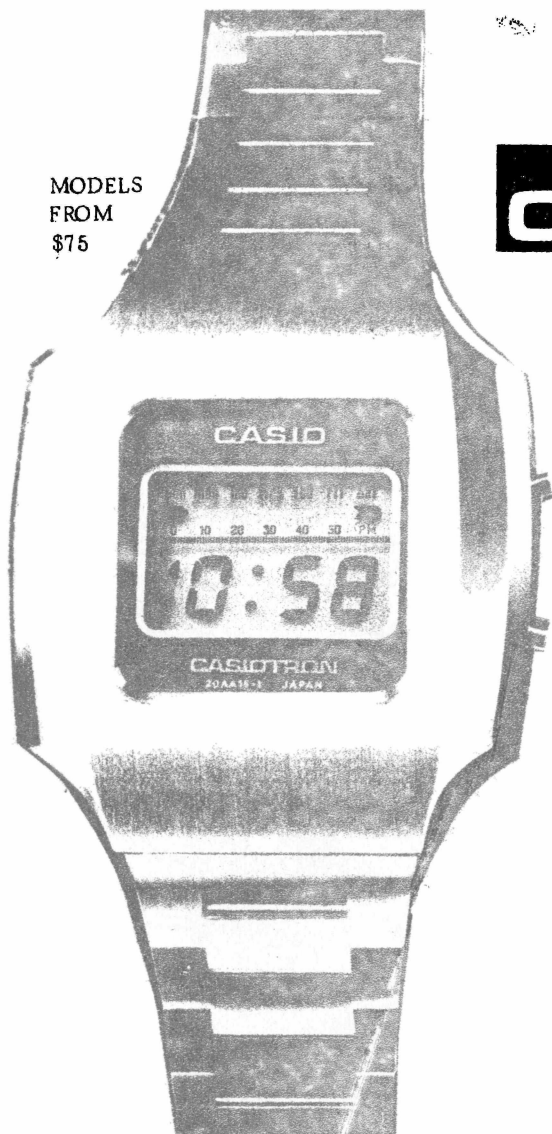
Potts's proposal was that residence rights should automatically be giv- en to anyone of Pitcairn descent whose grandparent or parent had at any time lived on the Island. Members of Council had to take a stand on that proposal.

Crs. Roy Smith and Greg Quintal held the most strongly pro-Pitcairn point of view, believing that any- one at all who could trace his or her lineage to Pitcairn should be en- titled to live on Norfolk.

"The Pitcairners were here first," Roy Smith argued. "They should have the right to come back here anytime they want to. They came here and built the place. It's not human to keep them out."

Greg Quintal said "It is the strong belief of the Pitcairn Island descen- dants that this place was probably

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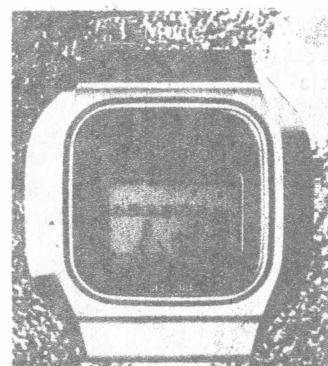
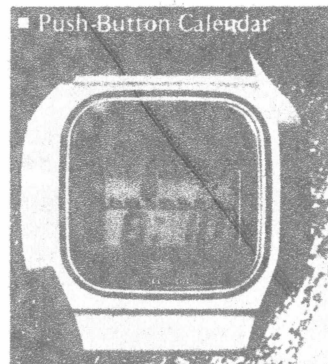
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given to the Pitcairners. Not many Islanders have come back, and I don't think we have a problem."

Crs. Bill Blucher, Lisle Snell, Bruce McKenzie and Geoff Bennett took the stand that Pitcairn descendants overseas should only have automatic residence if one of their parents had lived here -- and that others should have to wait their turn along with people not descended from Pitcairn.

Crs. Duncan McIntyre and John Ryves felt that no one ought to have automatic right to move to Norfolk, but they did think that Pitcairn descendants deserved special consideration and should "have priority" in being considered for residence if they wished it.

"If their forbears gave up Norfolk Island they shouldn't have the right to move here," Duncan McIntyre thought. "Only those who were born and grew up here should have that right. It's the people who know the place and like it who should have the right -- not those who feel they have an inborn privilege and want to grab it."

When the discussion ended, the majority voted that Pitcairners should automatically get residence on application if one of their parents had been resident on Norfolk; but that this automatic right should not carry on through more than a single generation.

Compared with life in larger and perhaps more rational places, life on this remote island is often interwoven with legends and beliefs that might be considered mere fantasy elsewhere. In a way it is typical of Norfolk that Council's debate about Pitcairners' rights will probably have nothing to do with the new immigration law, when it is finally passed.

At noon on the day of the meeting Councillors had received a memorandum from the Acting Administrator. It contained the answer to a question raised months ago: under Australia's recent Racial Discrimination Act, is it legally possible for Norfolk to grant any special rights to Pitcairners? The Attorney General's Department had studied the question and the answer was no. Regardless of anyone's respect for the Pitcairners' traditional view of Norfolk as their homeland, Australia can't pass any law that favours or disfavors a particular race of people.

As the Council meeting drew to a close Mr. Pickerd read into the record an acceptance by Council that its discussion had all been carried

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■
ALBERT STUART BATHIE
On August 12, in Sydney

■
CHARLES PHILIP MCCOY
On August 24
■

out in the knowledge of what the Attorney General had decided.

To a mainland mind it might seem that the discussion had therefore been pointless. But it wasn't at all. It expressed the formal opinion of the Councillors on a matter of very great Norfolk Island importance, and every Councillor deserves respect for debating the subject plainly and taking an honest stand on it.

...and some criteria that are...well...

THERE WERE OTHER decisions made on future immigration matters, less emotional but having more probable effect on the law as it will actually be written.

Council recommended that there be two kinds of entry permits, replacing the present system. One would be a work permit, good for six months. The other would be a General Entry Permit, good for one year and automatically renewable each year unless the holder misbehaves.

Council voted unanimously, however, that present holders of Enter-and-Remain permits should continue to have all the rights they have now. They thus rejected one of the Rumpit paper's recommendations, that E&R holders be knocked back down to the restrictions and annual renewals that will apply to the proposed General Entry Permit.

The restrictions -- proposed for both six-months' and annual permit holders -- are something else again. They give the Administrator the right to cancel a permit if the holder quits his job or does any work not specified in the permit; or if he is convicted of anything (theoretically including a 5mph speeding charge); or if he doesn't seem to fit in; or if...well, the Acting Administrator's comment was "Even though these are criteria, they are

so mealy-mouthed and euphemistic that I'm glad I am leaving on Saturday's airplane."

The Immigration Review Board, an informal advisory group appointed to advise on delicate immigration decisions, was endorsed by the Council, which felt the Board should get official status in the new law.

Council also recommended that in the new law automatic residence should not be given to someone marrying a resident. A mainland bride or groom would have to go through the same waiting process as anyone else with a General Entry Permit.

A tremendous support for many on Norfolk

FIFTEEN YEARS ago the Island was embroiled in a great controversy over local government. A group of Councillors who came to be known as "the Bloc" wanted a large measure of independence for Norfolk.

"They're like a lot of kids standing outside screeching 'Let me in!'" said their chief opponent. "All they've got to do is open the door calmly."

"Certainly we should have increasing domestic control, but let's prove our ability first."

"The Bloc says the Islanders dislike the Australian Administration, but they don't. They're loyal to Australia..."

So said Ab Bathie in 1961. Last month we referred to him as Norfolk Council's hardest worker and wildest politician. He was also, at that moment, a very ill man. He had been diagnosed as having lung cancer, and went to Sydney for tests and treatment. He died there in hospital, of a heart attack, on August 12th.

Ab was a tremendous support for the Norfolk Island News. He was always willing to listen, to advise, to point out pitfalls, to present important facts we didn't know, and to encourage and compliment. He didn't always agree with us, but "for or agin", he always talked straight and plain.

The remarkable thing is that you can strike out the words "the Norfolk Island News" in that last paragraph, and substitute any one of hundreds of persons or organisations on the Island; it was true for an astonishing circle of people. All of us share the honour, the good fortune and the fun of having been his friends.

Mainland solution to a Norfolk problem?

NORFOLK CAN'T quite figure out what to do about the small weekly sum of money that is given to some older residents to help them make ends meet.

The payments are called various names. The Admin calls them "special allowances". Some people, especially those who think the \$10 a week is pretty mean, call them "the handout". People of a more gracious and traditional turn of mind refer to them as "the Grace and Favour".

It's generally agreed that the size of the allowance ought to be increased, and as a temporary step the Administrator, with Council's urging, has asked Norfolk's Minister in Canberra to approve a rise to \$15 as soon as possible. This will add about \$7,000 to the Island's expenses this financial year. There are 32 older people receiving the allowance now. They are probably (the list is naturally a confidential one, out of courtesy) all of old Island families, because "mainlanders" haven't been permitted to im-

migrate to Norfolk unless they had enough worth to assure they would not need support from Island funds.

The Council, seeing Island costs going up and up, and seeing Norfolk's bank account dwindling rapidly, feel the whole allowance system needs to be overhauled; they say they'd like to see older people getting a decent sum of money, but they don't think the Island can afford to pay allowances to anyone but those who would be in serious strife without help.

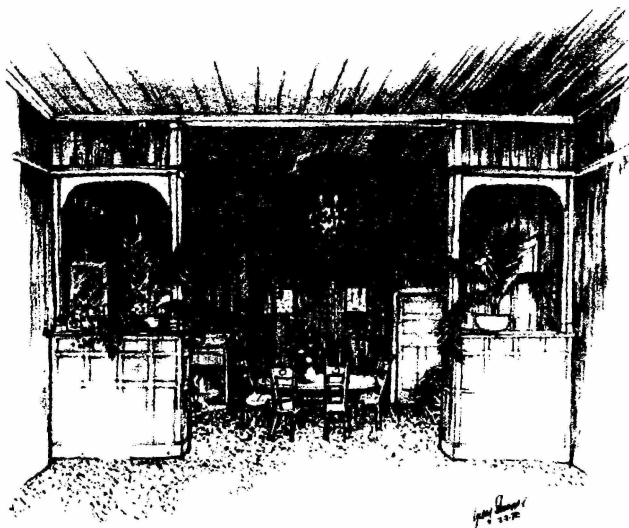
So they recommended to the Administrator that a questionnaire be prepared and that everyone on the list to receive the allowance be required to fill it out. They asked the Administrator to draw up the questionnaire. Mr. Pickerd found he was running out of time, as his three-month Acting Administratorship drew to a close; he also admitted that he was "not too keen" on the idea -- so he has put the disagreeable task into the hands of David Buffett, the Administrative Officer. Unofficially, Mr. Pickerd observed that he didn't feel that a questionnaire should be required from anyone now receiving the allowance but should be used only for screening future applicants.

He has felt uncomfortable all along about the way the allowance system works. He didn't like being the one who had to decide whether a particular person should be added to the list, or removed from it. "This is no way to run a social security system," he says. "It ought to be codified and regularised."

A questionnaire to determine what financial means a person has can be quite an invasion of privacy -- even though the facts are kept confidential to a handful of Admin and Council people who need to know them. If it's a proper questionnaire it will require the individual to say what earnings they have from part-time work, selling vegies, renting land or a room, regular support from relatives, interest on savings, and so forth. The questionnaire would also surely want to know what assets the person has; furniture, personal effects, historical articles, animals, farm or garden machinery, debts collectable, the value of any insurance policies -- and, of course, the value of any land owned, and any house or other buildings on it.

There's the rub, on Norfolk.

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has meant that you had the right to be who you are. It has meant that if you fail to show up for work, just because you don't want to, and the boss comes to see why you're slackening off, you could look him in the eye and say "get off my land."

Should an old person with no regular income be granted a weekly allowance even though the person's financial worth is, say, \$30,000 worth of house and land? Or, to put it another way, has the old-time Norfolk view of land become old-fashioned, and should we now adopt the mainland view that land, like everything else, is reducible to its cash value?

In large countries everywhere, it is necessary to "codify and regularise" many matters, because there are so many people around that to the Government they become anonymous. One rule must be made to fit all: Mr. X, Mrs. Y, Miss Z.

That isn't the case on Norfolk. No one here is anonymous. It is possible under these circumstances to consider each person as a real, live individual. It's harder to turn down a real, live person than it is to write a rule covering a lot of anonymous persons; but that's part of the burden of living in a human world.

One thoughtful resident described the questionnaire as "a mainland solution to a Norfolk problem." He then wisely added "Often the best solution to a problem is actually the existing way of handling it."

Norfolk has many existing ways of handling problems, and they have helped create a small society that many former mainlanders have found more nourishing than the more codified societies they left behind. Let us be slow to change what in general works so well.

Rising Admin wages have some unwanted side-effects

THE RISING COST of wages for the Island's Administration staff is having wider effects on Norfolk all the time.

Early in 1973 it was decided by the Minister that Norfolk public service wages and benefits should be set at 90% of the Australian levels. The intention was that Norfolk wages should "proceed to equity in due course". Since then local public servants have received the full

amount of increases granted in Australia. Their wages are now about 93% of Australian levels. The latest rise was on July 1st, when their wages generally went up 6.5%.

When you consider that local earnings are tax-free, Norfolk public servants are probably getting more take-home pay than if they were employed in Canberra.

They're certainly getting more than most people working at other jobs on Norfolk -- shop assistants, hotel employees, secretaries and so on. Many such people would love to be able to land a job with the Admin, simply because the pay and conditions are so good. Scarcely any of them begrudge Admin employees the wages they get; they just envy them, and would be glad to change places with them.

But there are side effects that are not so good. Rises at the Admin in the long run must lift the going rate for jobs in Burnt Pine, which means higher costs for shopkeepers, which means higher prices on their goods -- and that hits everyone whose income isn't hitched to automatic rises every so often.

More important for the Island's future generations, every rise at the Admin makes Norfolk just that much less able to balance its budget. We will be about \$100,000 in the red this year. Such losses can be made up by taking money out of Norfolk's past savings, but those savings are going to be all spent in another two years, on present indications. After that we'll be able to operate in the red only with much larger grants from Australia -- and Bang goes one of the soundest present arguments for Norfolk's having local authority to manage its own finances.

Letter to the Editor

"Whether or not you are right in expressing confidence that the New Zealand Government's 10 percent tax on travellers' overseas payments will adversely affect the Norfolk Island tourist trade remains to be seen.

"But I am amazed that you should approve the right of any government to penalize its citizens for wishing to spend their own money on overseas travel - and call it sound economics! If this is sound economics, so is highway robbery.

Yours etc.,
PETER MIDDLETON

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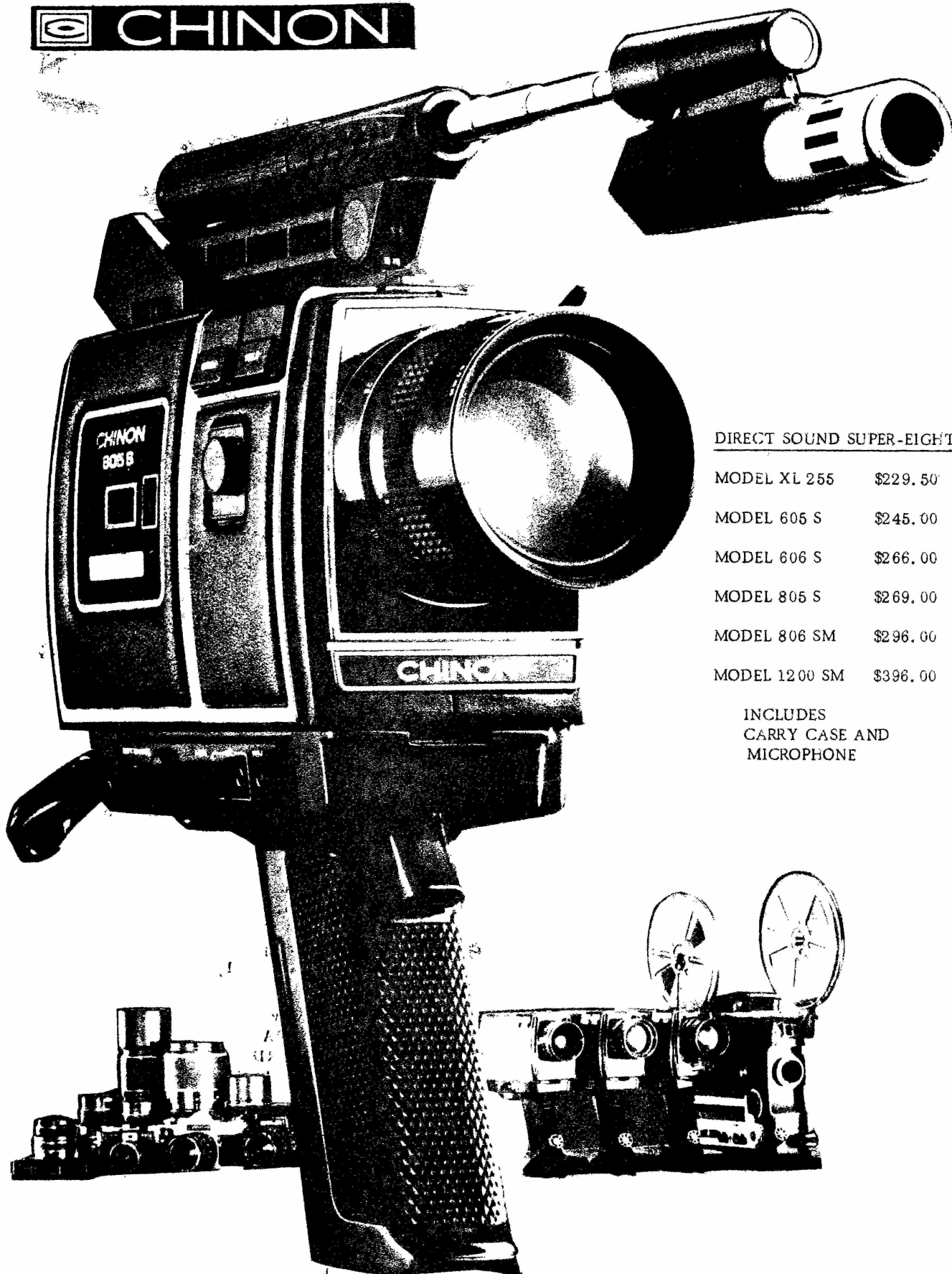
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LOCAL SHIPPING MAN SAYS MONOPOLY ISN'T BEST FOR NORFOLK

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WHEN THERE WERE TWO shipping lines competing for ocean freight between Australia and Norfolk, it was the general impression on the Island that there just wasn't enough cargo to allow both lines to make a reasonable profit.

When Karlander lines withdrew from the service recently, it seemed logical to assume that C. C. C., which inherited a monopoly, would do very nicely, thank you.

But in discussions about the future of Norfolk shipping services, C. C. C.'s local agents are putting the point that monopoly is not in the Island's best interests.

In this statement by Geoff Bennett, one of the principals of South Pacific Shipping and Travel Service (the C. C. C. agents), some of the complexities of the situation are described.

"THE SEEKING of firm proposals from interested shipping lines for the sole right to service Norfolk Island is tantamount to giving one single carrier the absolute monopoly and this is not in the best interests of the Norfolk Island community, for it would be very difficult to extract from a contractual system should it prove unsuccessful.

"It must be realised that if the object of the contract is to stabilize freight rates for a given period, it is unlikely that a prudent ship owner conversant with Australian conditions, and to a lesser degree New Zealand conditions, would be able and/or willing to give a firm rate without providing for stevedoring increases which are beyond his control. The stevedoring industry in Australia is undergoing a lot of changes. The Government role of controlling the stevedoring industry ceases at the end of this year and no-one, certainly no ship-owner, knows or can predict what effect this is going to have on the industry and its costs.

"Even if an owner is prepared to contract for a given period, he will probably do this in the knowledge that once he has established his position at Norfolk Island, and has driven out present operators, it is doubtful that the present operators would be in a position to return at the expiration of the contract. They can-

not wait for Norfolk Island to invite them back and will either have other commitments for their vessels or no longer have a suitable vessel to serve Norfolk Island. Obviously, the original contract holder then has Norfolk Island at his mercy. If the original contractor did not perform satisfactorily, we have little option but to accept his terms, for ships are unlike taxicabs and are not readily available.

"If the contract provides for a fixed rate, a rise and fall clause would inevitably be applied whereby increases in stevedoring costs may be passed on, and this means we're no better off than at present.

"It appears that some elements on Norfolk consider the Norfolk Island trade a prize every shipping company wants to win. Does it occur to these people that, unlike other ports, there is little that can be done to effect worthwhile savings in operational expenses. The trade cannot be containerised, can only partly be unitised, and, even if discharge is not prevented by rain, the ship may still not be able to work as a result of ocean conditions.

"Norfolk Island can, under present conditions, be served only by a limited number of ships - containers are out, and so are swinging derricks and cranes. To find a suitable ship is becoming increasingly difficult, and is likely to be less suitable for the other port or ports of the ship owner's operation. Profits, if any, made out of a monopoly are reduced by increased expenses in other ports. (That is, as in all probability, the contractor must combine the Norfolk Island service with other areas.) The Administration will probably demand a guarantee that Norfolk Island cargo be discharged regardless of delays to the vessel that waits for the weather to improve. If the Council allows this proposal to get off the ground they will therefore, of course, be quite happy to guarantee the contractor a price for discharging the vessel and, to make the contract more attractive, would no doubt be prepared to indemnify the contractor against weather delays at Norfolk Island, and the fixed rate would, of course, be regardless of hours worked, of men employed and whether engaged in ordinary or overtime hours.

"The contractor will no doubt demand a demurrage clause whereby the Administration pays a set amount

per day for delays waiting for the weather to improve. Presumably the demurrage costs will ultimately be borne by the consignee. Presumably, in return, the Administration would provide a penalty clause provided for a "penalty for non-performance". However, the penalty clause does not provide another service at the drop of a hat.

"Finally, with a guaranteed trade and guaranteed employment for the vessel, maybe the banks and other leading institutions would be only too happy to accept the Government contract as a suitable security for the purchase of a Norfolk Island owned and operated vessel.

"In my opinion, monopolistic situations provide little advantage to those at this end, and, as has been outlined earlier, are likely to drift into apathetic situations. Competition on the other hand, creates some quality in the service and helps to keep freight increases to a minimum, as the service rather than the operators is providing the increase. These increases are applied to and granted by the Shippers Council, a body of exporters and manufacturers who have a vested interest in keeping freight increases to a minimum, by their being competitors in a competitive world market-price situation. As an alternative to this proposed monopolistic situation, perhaps we should be seeking ways and means of improving our "at home" situation to be in a position to handle modern cargo handling methods, as are many of our neighbouring islands who once had similar sets of circumstances, or encouraging other shipping companies to enter the trade in direct competition.

"There is, of course, a precedent for Government created shipping monopolies. One that readily comes to mind is the service to Wallis and Futuna Island from Noumea. No doubt Norfolk Island readers of P. I. M. and other regional Pacific publications will recall how 18 months or so ago the Managing Director of a leading shipping line and the French Resident Commissioner at Wallis Island barely escaped with their lives from Wallis when there was a near revolution in both Wallis and Futuna Islands, caused by the people's dissatisfaction at this Government-created monopoly."

APPLES: NEARLY AS MUCH TROUBLE HERE AS IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

IMPORTED APPLES are forbidden fruit on Norfolk and so many an islander tempted by the thought of a crisp, juicy apple has planted himself an apple tree or two.

Alas, most apple trees prove to be only half-hearted immigrants.

Still, given tender, loving care, apples can be grown on Norfolk.

Perhaps the island's first apple orchardist was Dr. Peter Herbert Metcalfe, a medico who arrived in 1879 and stayed till 1913.

His daughter, Mrs. Kate McPherson of Burnt Pine, cast her mind back almost a century to recall how it all began.

"Father used to long for apples, she said. So Dr. Metcalfe wrote to his father and brother back in England, also keen horticulturists, and they sent him out seeds.

Dr. Metcalfe had a well-sheltered valley near the house ploughed, and the ground was well manured. Collecting cow manure was a chore for the children.

The 12 seedlings were planted in two rows. As the trees matured Dr.

Metcalfe grafted branches from the better apples on to the less successful.

Young Kate's favorite was called 'Russet Brown', small and slightly flattened, with a brown, suede-like skin but with a superb flavor, something like a cross between an apple, a pineapple and a pear.

The first essential is that apple trees must be sheltered from the salt-laden winds, or the leaves will burn badly. A secluded valley is still the best bet, but if you don't have one handy, you must organise a windbreak.

Mr. Ray Nobbs, a graduate of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College and a veteran Norfolk farmer, put in two apple trees when he moved to his new house on the southern slopes of Bennetts Flat some years ago. The home garden was exposed to the prevailing southeasterlies, which at times blows up to 30 knots for two or three days.

He built wooden windbreaks to shelter the trees until a hedge planted at the same time grew sufficiently to

provide protection.

Denzil Forrester, of Hundred Acres a retired New Zealand orchardist, rigs a black plastic mesh screen in front of his trees to take the sting of the worst winds.

It must be admitted that Denzil, who still retains a passion for apples is less than enthusiastic about Norfolk's possibilities for an orchard.

In the right climate a mature apple grafted on dwarfing stock should produce six to eight cases of fruit a year --- that's 240 lbs. to 320 lbs. per tree.

Since there are between 125 and 138 apples a case, depending on the size of the apple, that's somewhere in the vicinity of 1000 apples per tree per year.

But not on Norfolk

By contrast, a mature tree on Norfolk will produce maybe three or four dozen.

The question of suitable grafting stock is interesting and may account for the failure of many imported

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In cooler climates dwarfing stock is used, which has the effect of keeping the tree smaller and easier to manage, and encouraging it to put energy into forming fruit instead of branches.

But this is hardly necessary on Norfolk, where you have great difficulty in coaxing a tree above four or five feet.

In fact, in the memory of at least one islander, Dr. Metcalfe's Russet Browns may have been the only trees that ever grew big enough for a child to climb --- 10 to 12 feet high.

"I think here you would want the most vigorous stock you could get," Denzil said.

Typically, an imported tree grows furiously in its first year on Norfolk, rejoicing the heart of the owner. Then it just about stops for the rest of its life.

"You don't have to prune them, because they don't mature," Denzil said.

Manuring is desirable, and Denzil suggested a complete fertiliser --- the nitrogen-phosphorus-potassium type, at a rate, say, of four handfuls for a four foot tree.

Ray Nobbs arrived independently at the same conclusion, but using a different schedule. He started with superphosphate; followed at the start of spring with four or five handfuls of sulphate of ammonia scattered as far round the tree as the limbs extend, to help the tree produce leaves; and then some woodash to help form the buds.

Denzil listed a few diseases and pests a Norfolk apple-grower might encounter. Birds like silvereyes and the imported blackbird -- a notorious fruit thief --- are likely to take their toll.

A few trees are likely to succumb to the fungus *phytophthora cactorum*, which strikes unpredictably and at random. Out of every four apple trees, you can expect to lose one to this fungus over a period of, say, 20 years - no great disaster for an amateur, but a serious loss to a professional grower. Watering tends to worsen the effects of this fungus.

Another fungus causes bitter rot, but it can be controlled by spraying, and so can the pest codlin moth; but you must spray every three weeks from petal fall to picking.

Anyone with a large number of trees will encounter codlin moth, Denzil said.

Cec Barkman, who has 40 trees comprising nine varieties out at One Hundred Acres, said he had codlin moth sure enough.

However, said Cec, his worst pest was the two-legged apple-fancier, which every year accounted for most of his modest crop.

In fact, last year was the first time he really brought in a harvest of apples -- it was a freak year (which happens now and again on Norfolk) and the apples cropped twice. The predatory fruit-fanciers didn't realize there was a second crop, and Cec hit the jackpot.

Cec's nine varieties include the Tropical, bred specially for warmer climates. But Cec believes it doesn't bear much better than orthodox varieties.

The impressively large, red Tropical apple stirs different emotions in different breasts.

Denzil said he thought the Tropical might well do better than his own personal favorite, Geniton Giant, on Norfolk, but speaking personally, he would just as soon eat a piece of flannel.

Ray said he didn't fancy the Tropical himself, but many did. The secret of a good Tropical apple might be leaving it on the tree until it was thoroughly ripe, and the last traces of green skin turned yellow.

He preferred Rome Beauty, and had done quite well with three or four of this variety when farming at Headstone. Some people enjoyed success with Granny Smith.

Can apples be grown here commercially?

Roy Nobbs, out at Rocky Point, is determined to find out. He has already planted 40 Tropicals, and has another 90 on order to be flown over as soon as possible.

The farm is exceedingly well sheltered. Roy was prepared to give the trees whatever they needed in the way of fertilisers and extra water -- a mature tree transpires over 200 gallons of water a day in hot weather.

Given the full treatment, the trees should yield bigger crops, Roy said.

Apart from the initial cost of the trees (the going rate is \$10 for a Tropical and \$6 for other varieties) the experimental orchard would not tie up too much money.

After all, the land was there, and there was without a doubt a great demand on Norfolk for fresh apples.

There should be a small crop by Christmas or early January, Roy said.

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FOLLOWING a period when the Island was fully self-supporting, the financial results for the year ended June 30, 1976 were bad news. Big spending and the effects of inflation put Norfolk way into the red. Here's how Chairman E. T. Pickerd described the results:

Chairman: "The total revenue amounted to \$1,382,515 which, incidentally, exceeded the approved revised estimates by some \$126,000.

"In closed session, gentlemen, the details that I've given you there, plus the statistical figures, can be debated in full.

"The total expenditure was \$1,611,057 which was \$150,000 less than estimated. So, in essence, even after the final revised estimates, we received more money than we anticipated and we paid out less than we anticipated.

"However, as I state under expenditure, re-votes, which are those items that have already been set in motion but which were not achieved during the past financial year and for which provision was already made in that particular year, amount to \$89,000 and the expenditure on those items will be achieved this year.

"So, in essence, taking that \$89,000 away from the \$150,000 odd, your expenditure was \$61,000 odd less than the approved estimates in the nett sense.

losses last year and this year will eat up 2/3 of N.I.'s savings

"The expenditure exceeded revenue by \$228,542 for the year. That deficit is less than the original planned deficit. I suppose, generally speaking, we can say it was a better than expected year.

"Now this deficit will reduce the balance in the revenue account from what it was at the 1st July, 1975 to \$407,928 at 1st July, 1976 and this should allow, after taking into consideration the planned deficit for this year, a figure of about \$210,000 at the end of the current fiscal year after allowing for the re-votes of \$89,000 and the budgeted deficit of \$109,000.

"Any questions gentlemen. We will be discussing the details of the performance of the year at your will in closed session.

"In the liquor trading account, you will see that profit for the year amounted to \$183,801 on a total of just on \$700,000 covering sales, paid claims and stock-in-hand at 30th June, and that profit, if taken as a percentage of that \$700,000, shows a nett profit rate of 26.3 as against the total cost of sales, claims and stock at the end of the year.

"I'll move on gentlemen, if I may, to the undertaking accounts. I suppose it's no good pulling punches - we'll go to the one that's going to hurt most - the electricity undertaking, and you will observe that the electricity undertaking made a loss of \$51,683 for the year, which is substantial. But I would like to report in detail at this stage some of the reasons for that and I'll read from the memorandum:

"There are several factors which combine to give this high figure and they are set out below.

"Firstly, during the year, meter reading was changed to four monthly instead of quarterly. Now this means that a larger number of units are recorded on un-read meters at 30th June and would have been the carry-over from the previous financial year. It's estimated that this would amount to about \$25,000 so, in essence, had we read the meters quarterly, that income would have appeared in this particular fiscal year and reduced loss accordingly.

"Furthermore, the Department of Transport who do the servicing of our power house in August and November, which are months in this fiscal year, forwarded additional accounts as adjustments to the previous financial year."

"As you know, this is one of the unsatisfactory arrangements that we have at the present moment and that is that we have no way of predicting what our maintenance and repair costs, and operation costs, are relative to the power house.

"Now, we've closed up our books for last year so we have no alter-

native but to include this \$9,000 in this year's figures, although it was really a charge against last year's figures. So when you look at the comparative figures for the three years in the table, you should increase last year by \$9,000 and decrease this year by \$9,000 to get the proper perspective.

"It was also decided to purchase an oil separator out of the maintenance account and, as this is intended to keep maintenance and lubricating oil cost down in the future -- this cost just on \$6,000 -- this is a worthwhile asset, the benefits of which we hope will be reflected in future years."

"Taking these three things into account, the actual trading loss is about \$11,000 - almost \$12,000.

"The unit selling price was increased to 12c last March and no benefit has been received from this increase as a large proportion of the units at this rate would be on the unread meters. At the end of next year we will have our first full year under the new meter reading arrangements, so the year should give a more representative financial picture.

"\$11,954 of the accumulated profits at 30th June was spent on capital assets during the year.

A veiled hint: another electricity rise to be considered

"As I said in the final note gentlemen, and I wouldn't want councillors or the public to start 'beating the gun', but there's little alternative in view of this report but to ask the Interim Electricity Board to consider the financial situation of the electrical undertaking in the light of this report, and in the light of further generating capacity that we'll have in this particular year, and seek their advice.

"As I pointed out, the proposal to take over the power house is about to go forward and the Interim Electricity Board has assessed that the power house maintenance and operation costs can be substantially reduced if we take over the maintenance ourselves."

Questionnaire: just how poor are you?

TO HELP GET the Island's old-age "pension" onto a sounder basis, Council thinks present and future recipients should be required to pass a means test, disclosing their assets and income. But the debate showed that the subject is almost a painful one. Here's part:

Cr. Blucher: "Arising from the previous Council's resolution that the matter of special allowances be referred to committees of Council, the committees of the Social & Welfare Committee and the committees of the Finance & Economics Committee met on 21st July to discuss the matter of special allowances, and those committees combined recommend that the special allowance payment be increased to \$15..."

"During discussions for special allowances, proposals for the increase in special allowances dominated the discussions at this meeting. It was unanimously agreed that an increase was warranted and from the discussion the following motion was moved:

"Recommend to Council that the Administrator be asked to prepare a questionnaire to determine the means of the people who presently receive the special allowance..."

Chairman: "Is there a seconder to the motion -- that the Administrator be asked to prepare a questionnaire to determine the means of people who presently receive the special allowance?"

Cr. Snell: "I'll start the ball rolling, sir. In think this is one of the most contentious subjects that the last Council had to deal with and unfortunately didn't get very far, but we need to know the basis of what the cost of living is and what the present financial status is and how some of the islanders who receive this special allowance, as it is called, are functioning on it and how much they anticipate they need to survive in a satisfactory manner and to one which they are accustomed.

"I can't see any other way that we can just go haphazardly and increase allowances without their support in giving us guidance, so that we can assist them in the best manner possible.

"We can suggest to them an amount -- that has already been done -- and it may not be sufficient.

"I think it's up to them to advise us exactly what they want, how much they anticipate that they need and we can go on from there. A questionnaire, in my opinion, is the only way we're going to find the answer to that question."

Cr. Quintal: "Mr. Chairman, I disagree with Cr. Snell in what he's just said. I think the small amount that we are giving to the elderly citizens -- \$10 -- is a mere pittance and is only a very small amount, and I do not know how they can even survive or even try to survive on such a small amount - that is the majority of them.

"It is our responsibility to see that no elderly citizens are not suffering any financial problems these days.

"I know of several elderly citizens here who are finding it very hard to exist on the small amount they are getting, and I think it is the elderly citizens' right to get some form of recognition for their part in the community in the past."

Chairman: "I wouldn't disagree with what Cr. Quintal says - in fact I agree with it wholeheartedly.

"I don't think the Council should overlook the fact that in addition to the allowance, there is the potential of up to \$18,250 a year if the person is hospitalised for that period etc.

"Now this doesn't have to have a direct bearing upon what is granted to an individual to live whilst they're not ill, but I think the next resolution is, from my point of view, more important than this one and that is to give some codification to a system which, as you all know, we are now trying to bolster up on an ad-hoc basis because it's got no real codification or constitutional legalities to it.

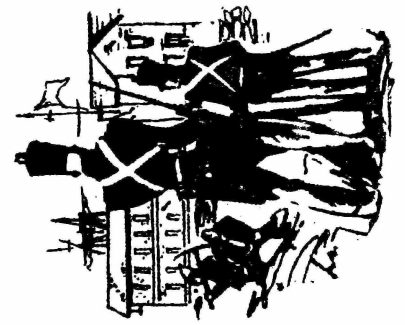
"I think the quicker you make this a right rather than an ex gratia payment or gratuity the better.

"The point at issue is not whether the people should get more money or less money, but whether you should set out some activity to determine a means test which might put other people, once the formula is known, on it and put some who are already on it off.

"Now if that's what Council wants, that's the effect this motion would tend to have in the long run. Is that correct gentlemen?"...

Cr. Snell: "The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine exactly how much we should increase the allowance to."

Chairman: "I can't see that it will... it's to determine the means of the



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people -- it's going to tell you how much they earn -- it's got no bearing on how much they ought to get, unless you're going to decide by some other resolution what they ought to get and give them the difference between the two.

"Now is it a means test or not a means test? You've got to clear your minds on this gentlemen.

Cr. Snell: That's O.K. Mr. Chairman..."

Chairman: "I'm not clear what you mean councillors."

Cr. McIntyre: "Well, this is the situation Mr. Chairman. The Council met in committee, or the Social & Welfare Committee met, last Wednesday. They met to deal with the situation and they were united, in my recollection, by the determination that \$10 was not enough and that we should do something at once."

Chairman: "Well that's another motion, isn't it?"

Cr. McIntyre: "Yes, it is another motion but they were also concerned that there was no data base for forming a policy.

"Now, who should get what money, where do we divorce the sentiments from the facts when we are trying to serve the needs of the community. We must have a data base -- we must have information. Therefore the first thing that's got to be done before we can sort ourselves out, before we can answer some of the questions you're suggesting, is to know what is going on out there -- what are the needs -- who has what money -- who needs what money, and the purpose of the present resolution is to make the committee's function -- that is to say on a continuing basis -- on such matters as the special allowance, to give it a basis..."

Chairman: "I would disagree with that Cr. McIntyre, if I can interpose. Would somebody define for me the phrase 'to determine the means of the people who presently receive the allowance'. I would have interpreted that, had I been left alone to prepare the questionnaire, to find out what income these people have -- is that what you want -- income and assets? Well, OK!"

Cr. Ryves: "Well, sir, I think Cr. Snell, when he said that this had been a contentious issue, hit the nail on the head because the very fact of going out to these old people and asking them to fill in a questionnaire in the form of a means test is one that is going to cause them a tremendous amount

of mental stress, and I believe that we should offset this mental stress by the appointing of some of the more respected senior people on the island to form a small committee to whom these people could turn to in confidence to seek assurance that what the papers are about, what the Council is trying to do and what they're trying to seek out is a solution to a problem that is going to be for their benefit in the long run.

"I think a cold, hard questionnaire going to them is going to upset some of them greatly and I believe that there should be some form of explanation in trusted citizens for them to turn to to seek the type of consolation they'll need in filling in this form."

Cr. Quintal: "Yes, Mr. Chairman. I feel that a questionnaire should not go out to the senior citizens and I'd like to support the remarks made by Cr. Ryves where he said that we could ask certain persons on the island to approach the senior citizens, and there are quite a few on the island on different bodies that do work for the benefit of the community and the elderly citizens. They would be quite capable of approaching the elderly citizens in the right manner.

"I feel that a personal approach would do a lot more good than a

straight-out questionnaire."

Chairman: "Do you want to move the amendment that the manner in determining the means of the people who presently receive the special allowance should be by direct approach of island people nominated by Council."

Cr. Quintal: "Yes, I would move that." (This motion by Cr. Quintal lapsed because there was no second.)

Cr. Ryves: "What I put forward was that the questionnaire have stated on the bottom that certain people would be able to answer questions for the old people, if they had difficulty or a misunderstanding about the purpose of the questionnaire.

"You could form some responsible authority on the island -- there are a number of them working towards this goal at the moment -- and that was the idea behind what I said -- that the questionnaire would go through but these people would be nominated to answer questions on it."

Chairman: "Any further discussion?"

Cr. Blucher: "Yes, Mr. Chairman..."

"The motion is quite clear Mr. Chairman -- that the Administrator be asked to prepare a questionnaire because if these people can't answer you how the heck are we going to know what they need."

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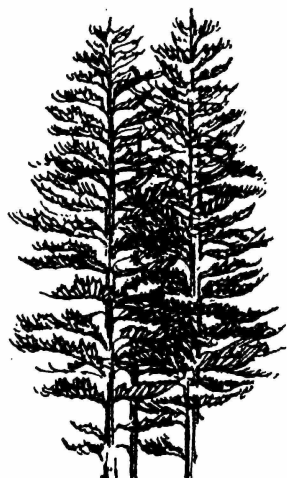
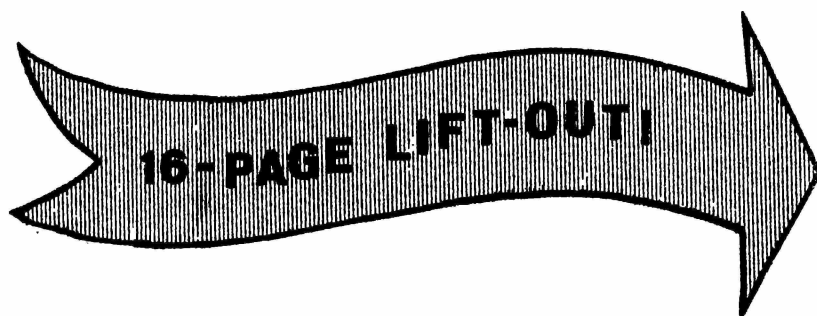
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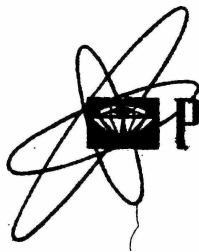


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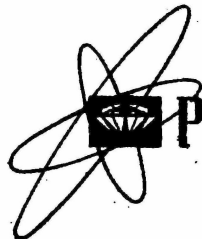


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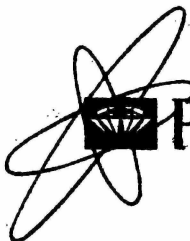


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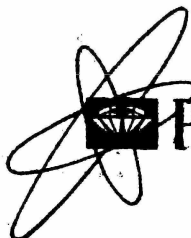
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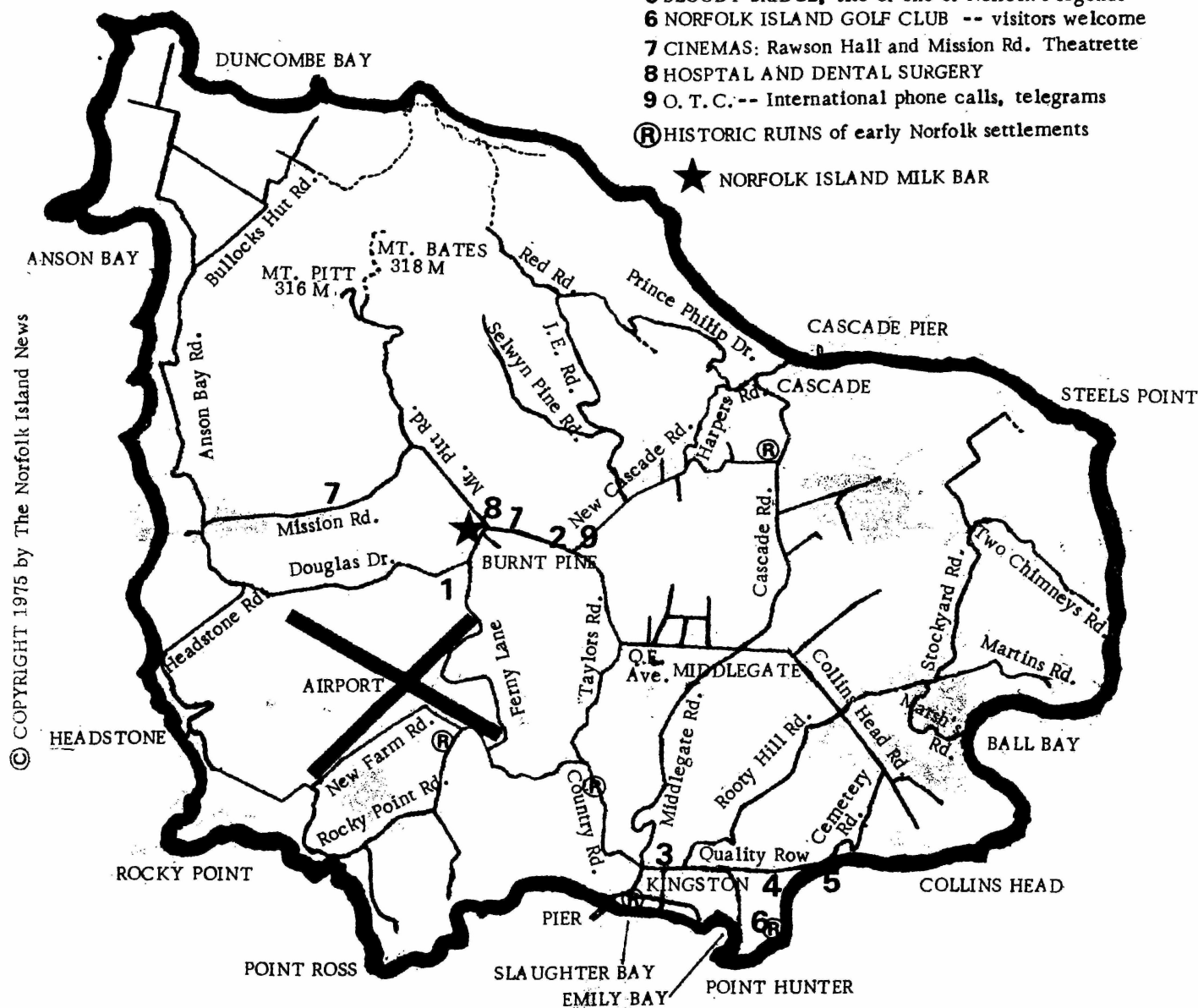
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September 6, 1849: Fletcher Christian was frightened by seeing a hair seal at Pitcairn; he thought it might be a ghost.
September 9, 1804: Capt. John Piper (after whom Sydney's Point Piper is named) became Commandant of the Norfolk Island colony.
September 16, 1871: Bishop Patteson was killed at Nukapu, near Santa Cruz. St. Barnabas Chapel was built in his memory.
September 19, 1841: Fletcher Christian's

widow, Mauatua, died on Pitcairn at the age of about 80.

September 23, 1764: Fletcher Christian's Birthday.

September 28, 1800: Philip Gidley King, who founded the first Norfolk settlement, became Governor of New South Wales.

September 30, 1808: With the first settlement closing down, Norfolk's population was 250 people and about 3,000 sheep.

1 Rise 0632, Set 0603
H0112 L0718
H1344 L1952

- Film, sm'b'd(VV)
- Film(Pds)
- Open night(Nlk)
- Council meeting(A2.00)
- C'm'dants Dinner (7.30)



5 Rise 0628, Set 0605
H0510 L1125
H1752 L2356

- Church services
- Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
- Football - (KO)
Juniors 1pm
Seniors 3.30

6 Rise 0627, Set 0605
H0619 L1221
H1856

- Housie (LC)
- Film (Nlk)
- Sm'b'd (SP)



7 Rise 0625, Set 0606
L0050 H0721
L1313 H1951

- Films(Pds & LC)
- Darts(RSL)

8 Rise 0624, Set 0608
L0137 H0833
L1401 H2039

- Film, sm'b'd(VV)
- Film(Pds)
- Open Night(Nlk)
- C'm'dants Dinner(7.30G)



12 Rise 0619, Set 0608
L0419 H1053
L1637 H2311

- Church services
- Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
- Football - (KO)
Juniors 1pm
Seniors 3.30

13 Rise 0618, Set 0609
L0456 H1129
L1714 H2348

- Housie(LC)
- Film(Nlk)
- Sm'b'd(SP)

BACK TO SCHOOL
Holiday over

14 Rise 0617, Set 0609
L0535 H1206
L1752

- Films(Pds & LC)
- Darts(RSL)

15 Rise 0616, Set 0610
H0025 L0619
H1245 L1842

- Film, sm'b'd(VV)
- Film(Pds)
- Open night(Nlk)
- C'm'dants Dinner (7.30G)

19 Rise 0611, Set 0612
H0321 L0953
H1550 L2224

- Church services
- Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
- Football - (KO)
Juniors 1pm
Seniors 3.30



20 Rise 0610, Set 0612
H0419 L1047
H1650 L2318

- Housie(LC)
- Film(Nlk)
- Sm'b'd(SP)

21 Rise 0608, Set 0613
H0524 L1141
H1756

- Films(Pds & LC)
- Darts(RSL)

22 Rise 0607, Set 0610
L0016 H0631
L1234 H1859

- Film, sm'b'd(VV)
- Film(Pds)
- Open night(Nlk)
- C'm'dants Dinner (7.30G)

26 Rise 0602, Set 0615
L0327 H1005
L1551 H2224

- Church services
- Film, sm'b'd(VV7.30p)
- Football - (KO)
Juniors 1pm
Seniors 3.30

27 Rise 0601, Set 0616
L0414 H1053
L1640 H2313

- Housie(LC)
- Film(Nlk)
- Sm'b'd(SP)

28 Rise 0559, Set 0616
L0504 H1142
L1733

- Films(Pds & LC)
- Darts(RSL)



29 Rise 0558, Set 0615
H0005 L0558
H1233 L1832

- Film, sm'b'd(VV)
- Film(Pds)
- Open night(Nlk)
- C'm'dants Dinner (7.30G)

CALENDAR

September
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THU

2 Rise 0631, Set 0603.
H0204 L0823
H1439 L2058
●Housie(LC)
●BBQ(SP)
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Rotary(SP6.30p)

FRI

3 Rise 0630, Set 0604
H0300 L0927
H1539 L2201
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Open night(Pds)

SAT

4 Rise 0629, Set 0604
H0401 L1028
H1644 L2300
●SDA service
●Housie(RSL8.00p)

key

Rise - Sunrise
set - Sunset
H - High tide
L - Low tide
a - a.m.
p - p.m.

9 Rise 0623, Set 0607
L0225 H0858
L1444 H2121
●Housie(LC)
●BBQ(SP)
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Rotary(SP6.30p)

10 Rise 0622, Set 0607
L0305 H0939
L1523 H2159
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Open night(Pds)

11 Rise 0621, Set 0608
L0343 H1017
L1600 H2236
●SDA service
●Housie(RSL8.00p)

LOCATIONS

A - Administration Building
BP - Burnt Pine
BC - Bowling Club
BCP - BiCentennial Park
BH - Branka House
C - Catholic Church
CE - All Saints
EB - Emily Bay
G - Garrison Rest.
GC - Golf Club
H - Hospital
KO - Kingston Oval
Lib - Library
LC - Leagues Club
LK - Lime Kiln BBQ
M - Museum Building
MC - Methodist Church
Nlk - Norfolk Hotel
Pds - Paradise
PH - Pitcairners Hall
RH - Rawson Hall
RSL - R.S.L. Club
Scl - N.I. School
SDA - 7th Day Adv. Hall
SP - South Pacific
StB - St. Barnabas Chapel
SW - Simons Water
VV - Valley View
YC - Youth Centre

16 Rise 0615, Set 0610
H0101 L0708
H1326 L1936
●Housie(LC)
●BBQ(SP)
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Rotary(SP6.30p)

17 Rise 0614, Set 0611
H0146 L0803
H1408 L2033
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Open night(Pds)

18 Rise 0612, Set 0611
H0231 L0859
H1457 L2129
●SDA service
●Housie(RSL8.00p)

23 Rise 0606, Set 0614
L0103 H0731
L1326 H1955
●Housie(LC)
●BBQ(SP)
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Rotary(SP6.30)

24 Rise 0604, Set 0614
L0152 H0826
L1415 H2047
●Film(RSL8.00p)
●Open night(Pds)

25 Rise 0603, Set 0615
L0240 H0916
L1500 H2136
●SDA service
●Housie(RSL8.00p)

30 Rise 0557, Set 0617
H0053 L0659
H1325 L1936
●Housie(LC)
●BBQ(SP)
●Film(8.00RSL)
●Rotary(6.30SP)

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Proud's: "Omega watches".

Cameralines: "We are discounting on the Minolta Autopak-8 D movie cameras -- the 8D4, for example, was \$125 and is now \$84."

Miltons: "The Topcon IC-1 35mm camera with electronic shutter control and fully automatic exposures and thru-the-lens metering, \$139.95."

"We have also reduced the price on Seiko watches by 20%, and have the Island's biggest range of them."

The Norfolk Trader: "The Braun

Synchron Plus foil shaver, for only \$29.50."

The Milk Bar: "We have same-day mainland newspapers four evenings a week, planes permitting."

Casa Kui: "Our jewellery and other beautiful arts from China, because of our long-standing direct connections there."

Martin's Agencies: "Remington electric shavers and hot combs, on sale a good shops in Burnt Pine."

International Duty-Free: "JVC stereo. We have a new shipment of amplifiers, tuner-amps, decks, speakers etc. and they are on sale at discounted prices."

Kamak Trading: "Casio, the big calculator company, have just introduced Casiotron electronic watches. They are on sale at Pacific Hire Cars, from just \$75."

NORFOLK WORDS

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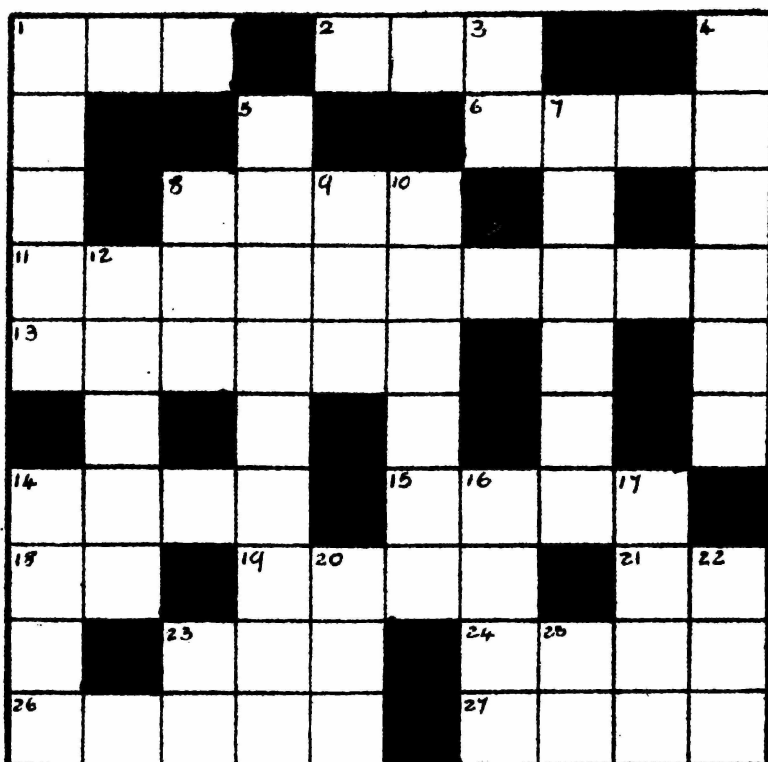
1. Catsfoot
2. Once around
6. Pain
8. Body chemical

11. Sailed from Pitcairn
13. Ode
14. Convict's sentence
15. Stack
18. Be
19. Hotels
21. Not human
23. Beer
24. Grass
26. Tipped over
27. Departure

DOWN

1. Native to Lord Howe
3. Father

4. Norfolk Island island
5. Ruin at Kingston
7. Judge
8. Container
9. Contemplate
10. Behind
12. Seeps
14. Ends
16. Surrounded by water
17. Native of N.Z.
20. Catch
22. High explosive
23. Sloth
25. Tool



PITCAIRN AND NORFOLK stamps, 1st day covers



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Note - DeChesne's is also stockist of back issues of the Norfolk Island News

PLEASE

THERE AREN'T MANY signs saying "Don't..." on Norfolk Island.

And there are even fewer policemen.

But it will make you even more welcome if you bear in mind a few points:

●When the weather has been dry for a long time, please drive s-l-o-w-l-y down dirt roads. Even at 20 mph you can throw up a thick trail of dust.

That may not worry you, but what it does to clean washing, hanging on a line behind a hedge, is heartbreaking to a housewife.

●If you are a spearfisherman, find a boat to take you out past the reef. Spearguns aren't allowed inside the reef.

●When the weather is wet, please believe signs saying "Road Impassable When Wet". If you drive ahead, you'll rip up the road surface for the future, and may well have a long, muddy walk to get someone to tow you out.

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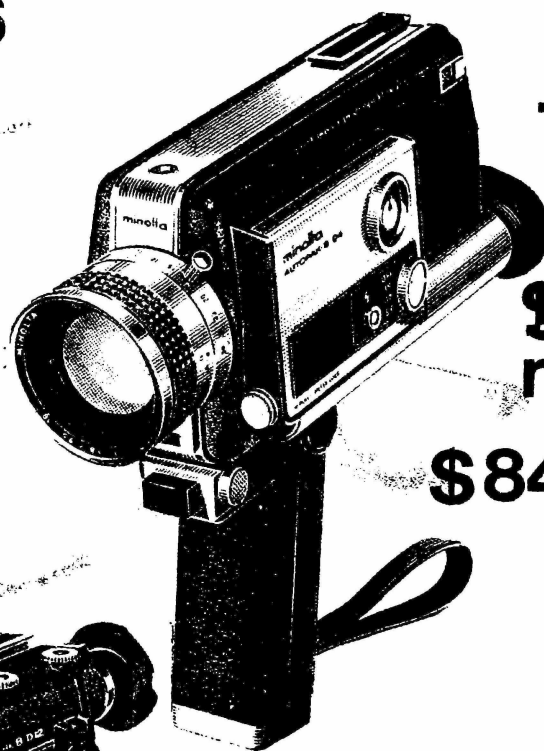


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now**

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FOUR ERAS IN NORFOLK'S REMARKABLE 200 YEARS

THAT CORRECT gentleman - and one of the greatest men in sea history, Captain James Cook, discovered Norfolk Island in 1774. He spent only part of a day here but was anchored offshore looking at it for an afternoon and a night. He thought it was like New Zealand and was particularly taken by the Spruce Pines, as he called them, and being proper, thought of them as masts for His Majesty's Royal Navy. (For historians, Cook's Journals and Joseph Banks' Logs and even novels about Captain Bligh and Matthew Flinders will really whet your appetite.)

Just after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay and meagre, muddy Sydney was beginning to be settled, Lieutenant Phillip Gidley King was sent to Norfolk by Captain Arthur Phillip in H. M. S. "Supply" to start a settlement to prevent the Island being settled by any other European power, King took along 24 settlers, 15 of whom were convicts.

For some time there was question of whether Sydney in New South Wales or Sydney (Norfolk Island) would be the most successful colony. (Sydney on Norfolk Island was changed to Kings Town and then Kingston.)

The Island settlement was hard to maintain for many reasons- distance and difficulty of access being two of them, and it was decided that bonded and free settlers should be moved to Tasmania.

By 1814 the Island was deserted.

In 1825 Norfolk Island became a penal settlement and was a hell on earth for most people living here. This period lasted 31 years. In spite of the misery a great deal of work was done - land was cleared, fields worked and lovely Georgian buildings were erected. It also was a time when some of the cruelest punishments in British history were meted out.

In 1855 the convict settlement was abandoned and in June 1856, 194 Islanders from Pitcairn Island landed here. These new settlers, descendants of the "Bounty" mutineers, had over-populated Pitcairn, and for romantic and practical reasons were given Norfolk Island.

At the time they moved here, Norfolk was proclaimed "a distinct and separate settlement" in the British Empire.

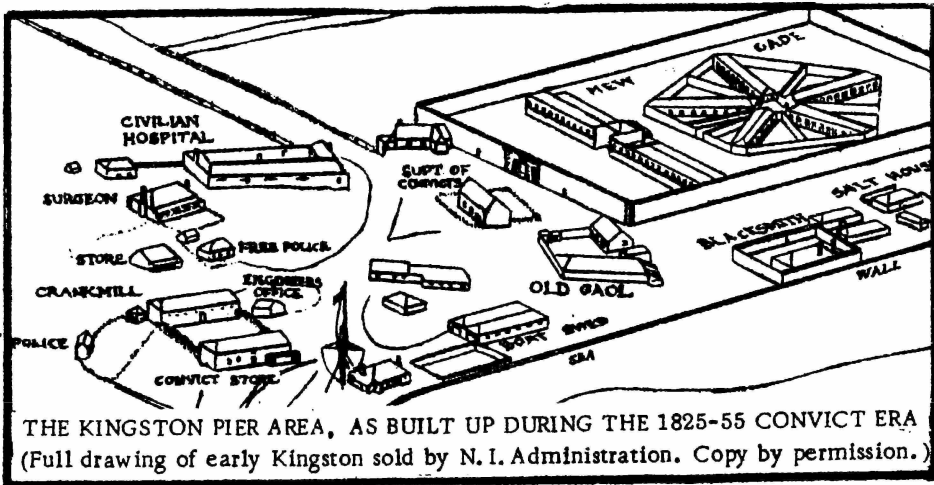
The difficulties, uniqueness and genuine love of this Island of the families who stayed here would take volumes of a historian's time.

A fourth era in the Island's history started in 1913, when Norfolk was officially made an Australian Territory. It has only been in 1976 that the Australian High Court ruled that the Island is legally part of the Com-

monwealth.

Norfolk is administered by the Australian Department of Administrative Services. It has an Advisory Council elected by residents of the Island, and has many laws that are peculiar to Norfolk.

In 1975 the Australian Government concluded that Norfolk's administrative set-up had become "inappropriate and outmoded" and a Royal Commission was formed to enquire into what its future constitutional status should be. The Commission's report is expected this year.


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FROM A LETTER DATED 13TH AUGUST
TO OUR NORFOLK ISLAND AGENTS

WE REGRETTED THE NECESSITY OF HAVING TO TELEX YOU ON 12TH THAT WITH APPROVAL OF THE AUSTRALIAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL, FREIGHT RATES TO NORFOLK ISLAND HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY \$9.50 PER-REVENUE TONNE.

AT THE SAME TIME THE BUNKER SURCHARGE HAS BEEN PROPORTIONALLY REDUCED AND AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE SHIPPERS COUNCIL, THE BUNKER SURCHARGE HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN THE SCHEDULE RATE.

WE HAVE, DURING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. BENNETT YESTERDAY, VERBALLY ADVISED YOU OF THE NEW RATE FOR PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES AND WILL BE FORWARDING YOU EARLY NEXT WEEK THE COMPLETE NORTH AND SOUTHBOUND TARIFF.

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE ALREADY STATED SO DURING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPRESS UPON YOU ONCE AGAIN THAT COMPAGNIE DES CHARGEURS CALEDONIENS HAVE ADJUSTED THE FREIGHT RATES TO COVER INCREASES IN STEVEDORING COSTS ONLY AND WE HAVE IN OUR INCREASE DELIBERATELY EXCLUDED HIGHER COSTS INCURRED SUCH AS PORT EXPENSES, BERTHAGE FEES, PILOTAGE, INCREASES IN CREW EXPENSES AND OPERATING EXPENSES GENERALLY.

BY DISREGARDING THESE NOT INCONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES, COMPAGNIE DES CHARGEURS CALEDONIENS HAVE STUCK TO THEIR POLICY OF ENDEAVOURING TO MAINTAIN FREIGHT RATES AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AND WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT GIVEN INDUSTRIAL PEACE ON THE AUSTRALIAN WATERFRONT WE CAN MAINTAIN PRESENT LEVELS FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

DURING OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. NOBBS WHILST HE WAS IN SYDNEY RECENTLY, WE EXPLAINED TO HIM THAT SINCE EARLY THIS YEAR THE ACTUAL STEVEDORING COSTS PAID IN SYDNEY WERE FAR IN EXCESS OF THE FIGURE ALLOWED FOR IN THE RATE STRUCTURE. THIS RESULTED IN RATES BEING AT AN UNECONOMIC LEVEL WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO PROVE TO THE AUSTRALIAN SHIPPERS COUNCIL BY PRODUCING ACTUAL STEVEDORING COSTS AS THEY WERE INCURRED DURING THIS PERIOD AND NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO ALLOW FOR RECOVERY OF PAST SHORTFALLS IN THE INCREASED RATE NOW APPROVED BY THE SHIPPERS COUNCIL.

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NORFOLK RADIO

World News 7.30, 8, 8.30, 12.30, 1, 2, 2.30, 3, 3.30
Local News 7.40, 8.40, 10, 12, 1.05

MONDAY

9.15 My Music
10.05 Down Memory Lane
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Concert Half-Hour
12.05 Book Reviews
4-7.00 Shut Down
7.00 Light Music/Pop
8.30 Country & Western
9.00 Top of the Pops
10.00 Live Concert
10.30 Close

TUESDAY

9.15 Melody Time
10.05 Music from Shows/
Films
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Notes from the Past
11.30 Book Club Series
12.05 BBC Sports Mag.
1.15 Methodist Prog.
4-7.00 Shut Down
7.00 Sentimental Jour-
ney - Jazz Evening
7.30 All That Jazz -
Feature Artist

8.00 Bruce's Beat
8.45 Ber's Bits & Pieces
9.00 Col's Corner
10.30 Close

WEDNESDAY

9.15 Education Prog.
10.05 Drama
10.45 Morning Serial/
Hospital Prog.
12.05 World Affairs
2.00 (First Wed. of Mth.
only) N.I. Council
Meeting

6.00 Pick of the Week
Prog. includes Com-
edy, Drama, Book-
Reviews

THURSDAY

9.15 Magazine of Arts
10.05 Drama
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Requests
12.05 World Affairs
Program
1.15 S.D.A. program

4-6.30 Shut Down
6.30 Light Music
7.15 Topics from
Holland
7.30 (First Thurs. in
Mth. Council Re-
broadcast)
8.00 Light Drama
8.20 Music & Interviews
9.30 Close

FRIDAY

9.15 Folkways music
10.05 Ella - The Start of
a Legend
10.45 Morning Serial
11.00 Musical Hits from
Germany
12.05 Drama
1.15 Church of Eng. Prog.
4-7.00 Shut Down
7.00 Evening of Fine
Music, includes
Aust. News in
Brief, PM with
Hugh Evans
10.15 Close

SATURDAY

10.00 Mainly Pop
11.00 Top of Pops/
Requests
12.00 Local News
1.00 Aust. News in Brief/
Sports Relay
4.00 Young Mood, in-
cludes Top Ten,
Dedications, News
6.00 Motown Story
6.30 Comedy
7.00 Rowdy's Roundup of
Sports Events both
Local & Overseas
7.10 Movin' Music
8.00 Drama
9.00 Variety Show
10.00 Close

SUNDAY

7.00 Evening Prog. in-
cludes Children's
Story, Music Mag.,
Feature, Drama,
Classical Music
10.00 Close

FLIGHTS

SYDNEY

QANTAS AIRLINES		Arr.	Dep.
Wednesday		1.45	2.35
Saturday		1.45	2.35
Sunday		4.15	5.05

Extra September flights:
Friday 3/9, Monday 6/9
and Friday 10/9 -- arrive
1.45 and leave 2.35.
Saturday 11/9 and Sun-
day 12/9, arrive 4.15
and leave 5.05.

AUCKLAND

AIR NEW ZEALAND

Wednesday	all
Friday	Arr.
Saturday	10.30
Sunday	Dep.
	12.15

Extra September flights:

Monday 6/9	" "
Monday 27/9	

BRISBANE AND LORD HOWE ISLAND

NORFOLK ISLAND AIRLINES

	Dep.	Arr.
Monday	8.30	-
Tuesday	-	-
Wednesday	-	2.30*
Thursday	8.30*	5.15
Friday	8.30	5.15
Saturday	8.30	5.30*
Sunday	8.30*	5.15

*indicates call at Lord Howe Is.

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have been.

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regularity."

Norfolk agents are South Pacific
Shipping and Travel Service, which
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of N. S. W. in Burnt Pine -- phone
2131 or 2108. In Sydney, agents
are Hetherington Kingsbury, 37
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land, Maritime Services Ltd., 14
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8th for arrival here about the 19th.
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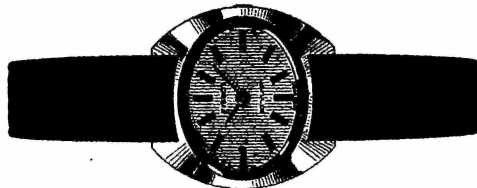
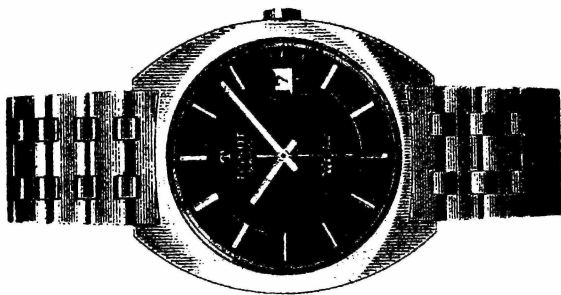
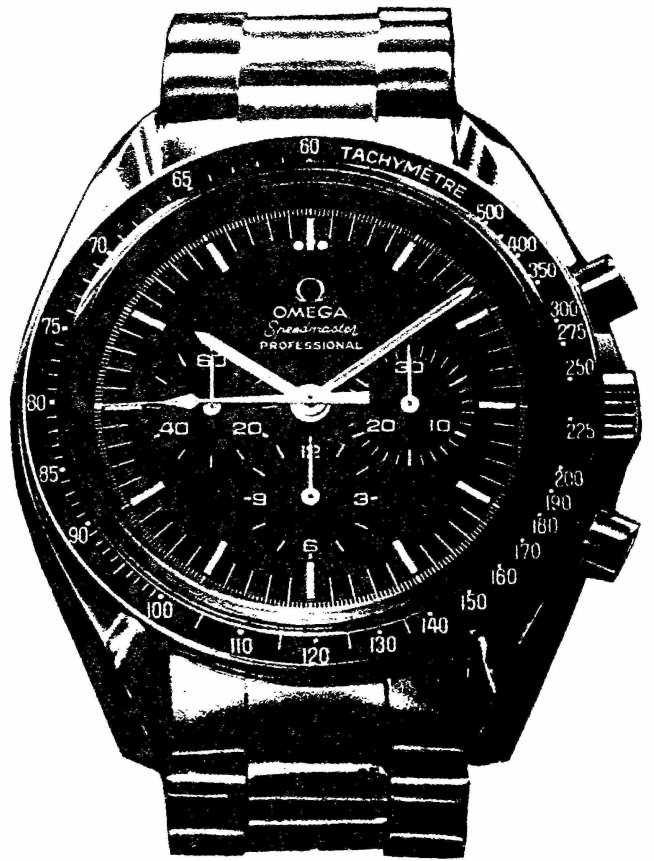
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INTERVIEW

MR. DESMOND VINCENT O'LEARY, 62, commences his new duties as Administrator of Norfolk Island this month. In an interview with the News soon after his appointment, he gave some clues on his style of Administration.

Why was he interested in an assignment on an island?

"Well, I think that I've been to so many and it seemed to me that it would be an interesting existence and it's still part of the Commonwealth.

"I would remind you that a lot of my life has been serving the Commonwealth Government in the Navy and shortly thereafter into A.S.I.O. for more than 20 years, and therefore one does tend to get oriented to what is available within the Commonwealth.

"Having looked at that, it seemed to me that that sort of existence might be interesting for me and that perhaps all the experience I have had might be useful to the job.

"The other thing I suppose I should say is that isolation doesn't worry me. I've travelled a great deal round the world and you're often on your own - not only just in aeroplanes but in hotels and so on - and it never bothers me. I never get lonely and therefore any isolation that would come with an island appointment wouldn't bother me in the slightest -- not that I envisage being without my wife at all."

How much of his A.S.I.O. work was confidential?

"Well, my service in A.S.I.O. is, of course, covered by an oath of secrecy in respect of work but there are some things that I could say that might be in general of interest to you.

"Perhaps I could mention some of the appointments I've had and the nature of the responsibilities.

"For instance I was the Regional Director in South Australia and I was Regional Director in Canberra twice and I was the senior man in London for the best part of four years.

"In that job I had the overall responsibility for the A.S.I.O. people who were attached to the Australian immigration teams in various Embassies around Scandinavia, Europe and the Middle East.

"Well, I had the overall responsibility for their work, which was the screening of migrants, liaison with

other intelligence services, and their general accountability for procedural matters."

What does he expect of staff?

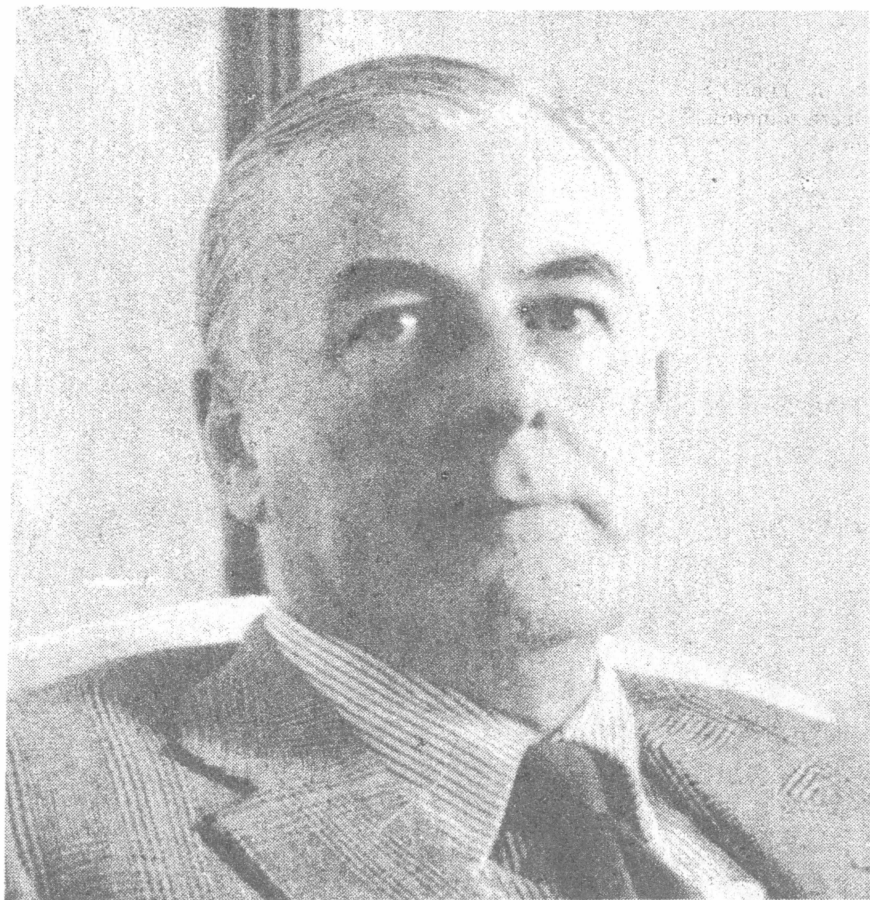
"I like to feel that, where you have responsibility, that the staff subordinate to you and yourself work as a team.

"Now that means that you look for loyalty flowing both ways. It flows

grammatically, then the document should go out.

"Furthermore, it encourages people to think that their prose is acceptable.

"I believe also that, especially with young staff, it helps them to be present at conferences that you may have with other people and to make a note of the conversation and then to be able to reproduce their version of what happened. In this way they take a more acute interest



NORFOLK ISLAND'S NEW ADMINISTRATOR

from the top down and back again, provided you have established clearly in the minds of your subordinates what their responsibilities are and that you are not crossing "t's" regularly with their work.

"Since we all have our own particular way of expressing a particular thought, it's foolish to want every memorandum to be written precisely the way you personally would write it.

"Provided it conveys the facts

not only in what is happening but they see what a senior officer is required to know, so that when it comes to their turn to stand in at such a conference they're better prepared.

"I do think also that any organization must understand that nobody is indispensable and especially is this the case at the top.

"Therefore it's unwise for any person -- the man at the top or any

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body else -- to have a "closed shop" on his particular responsibility. There has got to be a flexibility whereby people can move into other jobs at short notice at any time.

"Also, a man should know when he is getting behind in his work to the extent that he brings it to notice rather than have some complaint levelled at his section that his correspondence is not flowing through. You can always get help, provided you speak up about it and people should be encouraged to mention these problems.

"I also believe in a staff meeting about once a month of the section heads where problems can be discussed."

How should public servants approach their work?

"I think that every day, not only in the Public Service, one should learn something -- it may be a small matter -- but every experience in life, whether it be pleasant or unpleasant, goes towards the making of an individual.

"We all make mistakes. Only the people who do things make mistakes. I think it's unwise to feel that you've got to rely on the chap next to you all the time -- you've

got to use your God-given intelligence and you've got to think about problems as they arise or think about them even before they arise.

"In the Public Service you do have the facility for referring to files and it's rare that a situation is arising in your office that hasn't at some time arisen before and you should therefore profit by reference to files that are already there and to the library that every office has.

"Again, you can consult with other staff. What I'm saying is that I don't think people, when a problem arises, should rush and ask somebody else 'how do you do it' -- it's better for the individual and the job if you try and work it out yourself."

Does constant referring to files slow down the public service?

"Clearly, it's not going to happen in every case but a very unwise thing to do is what I call 'shoot from the hip', namely talk without thinking or researching. Not every question that's put do you need to refer about but if you have any uncertainty, and especially if the matter is a policy matter, it is as well if you're not absolutely au fait to have the

slight delay that's necessary before you give the answer.

"If you do 'shoot from the hip' as I say, then go and refer to your file and find that you've given slightly incorrect answers, you're going to spend more time in the long run correcting what you've said in the first place.

"I also think that it's essential to speak the truth and there is never any need to do anything other than that and people who do so need to have an exceptionally good memory. So many things happen that it's impossible to have a very good memory for an infinite number of topics.

Does a long career in A.S.I.O. make a man habitually secretive?

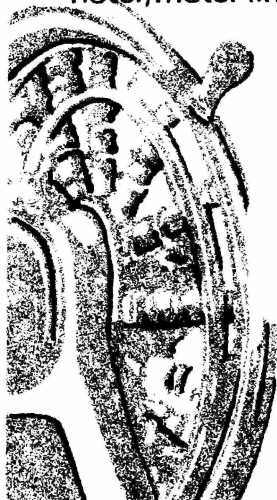
It would seem to me that many people might have the impression that A.S.I.O. is a very secretively run organization, as of course it has to be, and that raises the question of whether in your view it will come easily to run a relatively open kind of government here where people can know what's going on or whether the tendency may be to keep quiet about things until they're all final and settled.

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has 'classified material'. One tends to have a good deal of newspaper emphasis on the secrecy of A.S.I.O. but every government department has a large quantity of 'classified material' and there isn't anything special about the need in A.S.I.O. to keep a 'classified matter' secret any more than there is in any other department.

"Certainly the work is work -- it's not a secret service I'd emphasize, - it is a security service looking after the internal security of Australia -- of counter-subversion and counter-espionage and obviously the way that work is performed is quite secret but so too are secret matters that are discussed in dozens of departments, so I don't think one should say there is anything special or that it's a big change for anybody.

"After all, I've been to lots and lots of departmental conferences where all sorts of topics are discussed not just A.S.I.O. matters.

"You might be interested to know that for nearly three years I was seconded to the South Australian Government to run the security for the uranium project which were 'classified' in those days - I'm talking from 1952 for three years - most of

those aspects are no longer 'classified' but there were many aspects in the uranium project which were not 'classified' and it was my job to tease out those things that were 'classified' and those things which were not. I think that was quite a test - it was some years ago.

"Some people are secretive by their very behaviour. I'm not, but as long as you know what the rules are and see that they are properly and sensibly carried out, you won't bring security into disrepute.

"It's the people who over-emphasize, unnecessarily emphasize, the need for security that bring it into a lot of disrepute."

How long is his assignment as Administrator of Norfolk?

"I think two years has been discussed but I haven't seen the Executive Council to determine that. I have an idea that it's a two year term for the three island territories at the moment."

What does he read for pleasure?

"It gets very difficult when you've got a busy job to find much time for quiet reading, but I do like to pick up books concerning countries

that I've travelled to and I think I've told you that I've visited a great many countries in the world and therefore it's nice to sit down and read a book which thoroughly tells you about a country that you've only spent a few days in.

"Like every golfer, I suppose I should say that I've read a fair number of golf books without it having much good effect on the golf course."

What's your handicap?

"16."

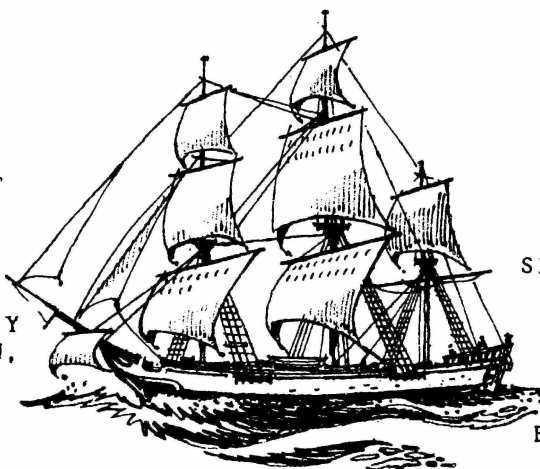
What should people on Norfolk expect from him?

"I would hope that whatever emerges will be acceptable to them from my part, and I mentioned this in the Council the other day that I do have a great deal of enthusiasm for this job that I've been given by the Government and an even greater enthusiasm for it now that I've been here, have seen the nature of the job and have met not only members of Council but quite a lot of the people here.

"As far as I'm concerned, I'll do my best and I hope that it can be good enough for the people."

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-- NOW AND IN THE
DECADES TO COME

DETAILS ON THE economic analysis of solar heating on Norfolk, made clear by Editorial Associate Bill Wiseman's lengthy study of the current situation, will have to wait until next issue. They cast some gloom on the dollar pro's-and-cons of using the Sun's heat to save energy costs. But here is a cheerful, conflicting opinion that ought to be heard at once: Duncan McIntyre's pleasure at the results he's had with a new solar system at his recently-completed home.

"I SWORE after lighting a Braemar for three years I'd never light another one," says Duncan McIntyre, explaining how a gas-boosted, solar water heating system came to be installed in the new Bucks Point house.

"Some people think these Braemars are the greatest thing since sliced bread," he mused.

And Duncan conceded that if economy was the main test, the wood-burning Braemar would win every time.

But he put convenience first, and this left all the others: broadly speaking gas, liquid fuel such as kerosene, electricity and the sun.

Gas heating is extremely expensive. So is electricity, and kerosene suffers from the disadvantage of slow recovery.

The search for facts - and a NZ solution

So he got together a bundle of information about solar heating from different manufacturers -- and found he got nowhere, because there wasn't any basis for comparison between systems.

Out at Bucks Point one weekend Duncan chatted to a tourist looking over the new house, and he turned out to be from the CSIRO, which runs one of the world's leading solar research laboratories in Melbourne.

One thing led to another, and before long, Duncan had an expert opinion that there's only one maker of solar heater to consider: Beasley Industries Pty. Ltd. of Bolton Avenue, Devon Park, South Australia.

Duncan found that seven absorber units, each of eight square feet, and an 80 gallon storage tank, would set him back \$930 F.O.B. Sydney.

A difficulty arose in that the

Sydney agent appeared to be incommunicado. Thwarted, Duncan then turned to New Zealand. There, last April, he managed to order eight absorbers and a 100 gallon tank, packed and shipped to Norfolk, for \$A930.

The McIntyres should have a considerable margin for safety. Beasley's use the Australian rule-of-thumb for hot water usage, which is 10 gallons per person per day.

The McIntyres, like everyone else on Norfolk, keep a close eye on water economy and find the family of five uses rather less than 30 gallons a day.

This is confirmed by the fact that the old 40 gallon wood-burner usually lasted two days on one firing.

Clothes are washed in cold water - no problem with modern detergents.

For a family of five, Beasley's suggest an 80 gallon boosted storage tank, or 100 gallon non-boosted, coupled with five absorber units.

Duncan specified a 100 gallon tank not because he felt it was the right size for their requirement but because it would be a more efficient heater. The larger the body, the greater the amount of heat contained for a given area of surface, and consequent-

without boosting.

The Beasley Industries recommendation for absorber panels is one per person. The rule-of-thumb is .75 square feet for each gallon, or 7.5 feet per 10 gallons. The Beasley absorbers provide 8 square feet per 10 gallons, which gives a safety margin of about 7 per cent.

The McIntyres have in fact eight absorbers, or 60 per cent above the manufacturer's specifications.

On top of all this, Duncan has what may be a unique gas-boosting system, designed following consultations with Shell gas agent Howard Pitcher.

This consists of an 11 gallon quick-recovery gas heater, coupled to the main storage tank in such a way as to heat only the top 20 gallons.

Angling for winter

The absorbers are oriented at an angle of 15 degrees from north, which is OK, according to the experts, north being optimum.

They are at angle of 32 degrees from horizontal -- slightly more than the equivalent of the latitude of Norfolk, 29 degrees, which is recommended for best summer performance. By increasing the angle of the absorbers slightly, the McIntyre's system might do a little better in winter at the expense of some summer heating.

Cost of the booster is about \$220 Duncan estimates, installed by Trevor Calder for Pelly Evans.

How has it worked out?

Well, in the two weeks since the system was put into operation, the booster has not had to be turned on at all.

The temperature of the water has mostly been too hot to shower under without mixing cold water. But now and again it has dropped to just warm enough to shower under without discomfort.

The weather included long periods of overcast weather during mid-August.

Duncan notices one thing; he can't pick which will be the good heating days and which the weak ones. Some days he thought he would see the water really steaming, but apparently the absorbers saw it differently.

According to Bob Jones at the Met Office, Norfolk averages 6.5 hours of sunshine a day during August.

AVERAGE HRS. OF SUNSHINE ON NORFOLK IN A DAY

Solar Table

January	- 7.7 hours
Feb.	- 7.0 "
Mar.	- 6.5 "
April	- 6.9 "
May	- 5.5 "
June	- 5.1 "
July	- 5.8 "
Aug.	- 6.5 "
Sept.	- 7.2 "
Oct.	- 7.3 "
Nov.	- 8.1 "
Dec.	- 7.7 "

ly the slower the heat losses through radiation, conduction and convection.

The rule-of-thumb with storage is about 50 per cent over daily requirements if the system is boosted, and 100 per cent unboosted.

The McIntyres use a conservative 30 gallons a day, and so have 67 per spare capacity in unboosted storage.

This might just get them through two heavily overcast, rainy days

Norfolk



LIVING

LAST OCTOBER Helen McCoy wrote a letter to the Editor of the News making a plea that the self-sown Pohutukawa tree which is located high up on the left hand bank of Rooty Hill Road be saved in the re-locating of the road. ("I first noticed it flowering about 1971 when it was a small bush... I should hate to think such tenacity and triumphant growth with flowering at such an early age might be swept aside...")

New Zealander Helen Bannister McCoy and the New Zealand Christmas Tree on Rooty Hill Road have some similarities. Both have re-located on Norfolk soil, flowered at an early age and have great tenacity.

Long before International Women's Year Helen Bannister had found her own personal freedom and identity in Wellington. The product of strict up-bringing by a Victorian mother ("we were taught music, manners and how to be useful citizens") and a father dedicated to public service ("he insisted we acquire good educations to provide for our old age"). Helen was well prepared for her later transplant to Norfolk Island.

She was a truly liberated woman in the late thirties and early forties after receiving a degree in Science at Victoria University when not many women had degrees. She held down a full-time job in the accounts section of an insurance company and when N. Z. went to war Helen enlisted, in the WAAC early in '42. Commissioned as a Subaltern after officers' training, she became an administrative officer in the School of Artillery ("women were trained to do men's work - not heavy work though") and, after handling searchlights for a while, ended up in Ordance 'til the war's end.

Four years later, after a long stint as her pre-war job, a holiday finally brought Helen to Norfolk Island. Even her choice of a holiday place was indicative of a desire for adventure and a touch of the rugged. She fell in love with Norfolk at first sight and also with tall, lanky William C. McCoy while staying at Auntie Carr's ("it was considered the place to stay in those days"). Bill asked her to marry him right away but Helen demurred for a short time, transplanting herself on Norfolk soil in January

of '51.

Two strong identities were united in this marriage - Helen Bannister of an old pioneering family who had been on the first ships and of Maori and Celtic descent, and William C. McCoy of Polynesia and Celtic heritage. Helen moved into Bill's open-



verandah style Island home in Steeles Point undaunted by the fact that she had started her new life on Norfolk "in a home full of wet beans". Norfolk had had a bad season and Bill, like many islanders in those days, was a farmer and always had a crop of beans underway.

Times were not good so Helen went to work ("I had been looking forward to being a housewife"). Drawing on her experience in accounting she worked first for Gordon Finlay who was Accountant/Registrar at Kingston and then for Jesse King and Potts Buffett before going to Hopkins Limited - now Foodlands ("George Clist and Charlie Welsh were on the board"). In 1954 a heart attack set Helen back but not for long. She was back on her feet and working at the whaling station as accountant in 1955. ("The Norfolk Whaling Company, a subsidiary of

Norfolk Island and Byron Bay Whaling Co. Limited started its business in the Engineer's Cottage at Kingston. It turned out to be impractical to have the office so far from the scene of operations so the office was moved to the old radio shack at Cascades").

Illness reared its head again and Helen, who had had her share, made light of it and kept right on going on. However, in '62, after a bad bout of Echo Flu, she went back to

New Zealand with her sister, Midge. ("While there I broke my first leg. After that I was a lady of leisure for a while until George Plant asked me back to Hopkins Limited to hold down the fort while he went back to Australia on account of illness"). On crutches in '63 ("second break"), Helen was back at Kingston in the Admin as cashier until she became Assistant Accountant. In '72 Helen had a stroke and was taken to New Zealand. Her tenacity helped her to a complete recovery.

Adding to her own involvement in the community through her jobs at Hopkins, the Whaling Station and the Admin, Bill's service on the Norfolk Island Council in the 50's supplemented her keen interest in island affairs. Helen never tried to influence Bill in his decisions. ("The Council in those days was (please turn to the next page)

made up of two elected councillors from each ward.")

Bill knew he had a pretty independent woman for a wife but there were times when Helen wished he thought otherwise. Particularly one late afternoon when she was on horse-back coming back from "Oceanside" - now the Paradise. Helen had been told that sometimes horses wouldn't go over Bloody Bridge and as she was approaching it she realised that Bill had gone on way ahead of her. She gulped, was pretty frightened (and maybe furious) but kept on going. She made it -- no ghosts leapt on her horse or carried her off.

Last year Bill McCoy died leaving a great gap in the community and in Helen's life. With her old tenacity she has got through this difficult time with good sense and humour.

Asked if she'd like to see any

changes on Norfolk, Helen said there were no important ones - ("Although I'd like to see two women on the Council"). She has thought of running herself but can't get around as well now. One problem foremost in her mind - one which many widows on the island have - is that they have too much ground to look after on their own. With food prices so high now, they often need to grow their own food but often aren't strong enough to be able to farm their land. Helen agreed that some sort of common ground for older people to grow their vegies in might be a good solution.

No sweeping aside of this lady with such tenacity and triumphant growth. Hail to Helen McCoy. May both she and her beloved Pohutukawa have continued growth and flowering.

ISLAND HOUSEWIFE

GOOD OLD DAYS often become good old days only as they recede into the past and the 'good' seems to remain very much in one's memory whereas 'bad' luckily fades, or perhaps one looks at them differently as one grows wiser with passing years.

However, a lot of these worries of time when they happened now get a good laugh so here follow two stories. Both these stories concern the sorting of bean seed which was mostly the job of the women folk. If you have ever hand sorted bushels and bushels of beans then you will enjoy these stories; if you have never done so, then don't ever do so -- it is tedious in the extreme.

It was my first season of sorting and the kettle was usually boiled fairly often on the primus. Now my primus was playing up so I mentioned this to my husband who said - "It needs a new part - it won't go properly until I get one". What he did not state was that I shouldn't use it. Next morning at break, I duly put meths. on and pumped like fury -- result -- the whole thing exploded in flames, burnt off my eyebrows and front head of hair, next the curtains in front of the bench and we had a fair fire going.

After putting baby and wee toddler in a safe spot, I threw buckets of water into the kitchen. All was quiet again but primus was a casualty, one leg being melted off. When husband came home, I told him what had happened. He just looked at me, went into the kitchen, looked and turned to me and said - "Good heavens woman you've ruined the primus!"

Oh well, eyebrows and hair grew quite quickly but we were unable to get a primus for some time and I must admit that in those days, when there was no such thing as gas, I did miss my primus more than my eyebrows when sorting those millions of beans.

Some years later, when we were both much more experienced in the growing and harvesting of beans, the following incident happened. We had a very good crop and very good harvesting weather. The

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questions&answers in Norfolk Garden

ANTHURIUMS are flowering well at present - the species Scherzerianum, known to most of us as the "Flamingo Flower", comes in red, pink and several in-between colours. They are really very hardy and their spathes or flowers last for weeks, making wonderful indoor specimens.

There are also Anthuriums Crystallinum Veitchii and Magnifica. These have beautiful foliage, large heart shaped leaves patterned with deep grooves of silvery colours.

The latter variety do need more warmth than the former flowering type. Only water when they become almost dry. They are not subject to disease but keep a watch for insects. When re-potting an Anthurium, use light open potting mix using coarse sand, peat and leaf mould freely.

Now, about ferns -- I learnt the hard way, as the saying goes, that maiden hair fern will not tolerate a kero heater in the room where they are growing even if they are well away from the heater, so, if you are using one, remove your fern to another room. Never let a maiden hair fern become dry as its foliage will not respond to watering. The only remedy is to cut off all withered foliage and keep plant soaked - new fronds should soon appear.

There are several beautiful specimens of Cape Chestnut trees growing on Norfolk. The flowers appear in summer in terminal panicles and do vary in colour from white to pink and mauve. Those I have seen here are more a lilac shade -- very pretty indeed. These will grow from cuttings if kept in a warm sunny place. Take short, half ripe wood and set in sand. These will flower much quicker than those grown from seed and one is also sure of the colour.

Plant zinnia seeds now, either where they are to grow in garden or in boxes. These grow very fast -- better plants and a better show of blooms is obtained by pinching back the centre shoot when about 6 inches high. Zinnias come in many sizes from tiny pom-pom to large dahlia-flowered. Try tall growers as background to shorter ones and edge the bed with marigolds -- this will give a lovely summer show.

Give your geraniums a lift by forking in a light dressing of garden lime around the base of the plants. They will soon be at their spring-time best.

Take a few minutes to disbud carnations -- it is well worth the trouble for you will have lovely strong stemmed blooms for cutting. It is better to water around the plant than on the plant, as one is apt to do. (Often causes wilt.)

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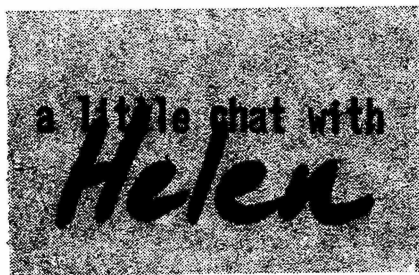
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HAVE YOU ever thought what a waste it seems to throw away all those outer leaves of a lettuce? Well here, as a starter, is one way you may make good use of them. Let us then have a somewhat different chicken followed by an old English dessert.

LETTUCE SOUP

12 outside lettuce leaves (washed and shredded)
1 small onion or leeks with the green part also (chopped)
1 packet Cream of Chicken Soup
1 cup milk
3 cups water
A good shake of paprika, nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste.
Braise lettuce leaves and onions or leeks in butter.
Make up your chicken soup with milk and water, simmer for a few seconds.
Blend lettuce leaves and onions with a little of the soup mixture - when blended, pour mixture into the rest of your chicken soup and simmer a further 10-15 minutes.
Serve hot with garlic bread or herb rolls. Serves 4.

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beans were duly sorted and sent in to bean shed for inspection and germination test and we were quite sure that there would be no problems about either. Much to our surprise after about three weeks we received a notice to say our seed had failed germination tests, and to re-sort them and add five packets of a certain powder to help germination. As we were only able to get two packets of the said powder, here is where I was "naughty". I noticed it looked exactly like custard powder. I also refused to re-sort, being quite sure in my mind that a mistake had been made at the bean shed. I mixed custard powder and germination powder, put it into beans, which were returned to shed, and believe it or not they were passed at 98% germination.

Wonderful the effect of custard powder as a fertility agent, or could there have been a mistake?

CHICKEN SYRIAN STYLE

1 boiling chicken
1 lemon
2 carrots
1 or 2 large onions
celery
2 cloves garlic
small tin of white mushrooms
2 oz. blanched almonds
½ glass sherry
4 egg yolks
½ pint of cream
1 teaspoon tarragon
Rub chicken with salt, pepper and lemon juice and put a piece of lemon peel inside the bird. Sprinkle the inside of chicken with tarragon. Boil gently with the vegetables in the usual way.
When cooked, take the pan off the fire and ladle about a pint of stock, straining it into another pan. Add to this juice of half lemon, the sherry, the roughly chopped almonds that have been previously sautéed in butter and then add the sautéed mushrooms. When your mixture is hot pour it spoon by spoon on the yolks beaten up with the cream. Heat gently and when it has thickened put chicken on a hot dish, pour the sauce over and around and serve. I use buttered parsley rice with this dish.
Serves 6.

IN BOND

by "VINAS"

THE BAROSSA VALLEY is the most important wine area in South Australia and, as that State is the major producer in Australia, its importance must rank second to none.

Discovered in 1837 when Colonel Light led the first exploration into it from Adelaide, only 35 miles away, it was quickly settled. At first the settlers concentrated on fruit growing and it was George Angas (Angaston is named after him) who dominated the early scene where it has been said he lived like a feudal lord. It was he who, needing labour for his orchards, conceived the idea of bringing in as migrants Silesian Lutherans who were suffering religious persecution in their native Germany.

Quite naturally the Germans saw the possibility of growing wine and the honour for the first plantings goes to Johann Gramp, the founder of the house of Orlando. Soon to follow was Joseph Seppelt. English migrants also played their part including Sam-

This Banana & Ginger Meringue Cake came from an old recipe and was served at the Duke of York Inn at Iddesleigh, Devon:

BANANA & GINGER MERINGUE CAKE

5 large egg whites
10 oz. caster sugar
1 tablespoon of vinegar
16 fl. oz. of cream
5 ripe firm bananas
6 large lumps of preserved ginger
Pre-heat the oven to 300 degrees
Prepare 2 baking sheets by wetting them and lining them with oiled greaseproof paper. Whisk egg whites till they're stiff but not dry and form soft peaks. Now whisk in the sugar bit by bit and when all the sugar is in whisk in the vinegar.
Spoon the meringue in two circular shapes, one on each prepared tin using a palette knife to help keep a round shape. Place meringues in the oven, immediately turn the heat down to 275 degrees, close the door and leave them there for an hour. Then turn the heat off and allow the meringues to cool and dry out inside the oven until quite cold. Before serving peel off the greaseproof paper and sandwich the 2 meringues together with whipped cream, the sliced bananas and finely chopped preserved ginger.

--a private view of what is offering at the Liquor Bond

uel Smith (Yalumba) and William Salter (Saltram) and the descendants of these continue the good work to this day together with later dedicated vignerons.

In time the now very large firm of Penfolds entered the valley (it began when Dr. Christopher Penfold produced medicinal wine for his patients at a small winery he established in the Adelaide suburb of Magill). It is interesting that now the Grange Vineyard at Magill has been swallowed by suburban expansion, its famous Hermitage (Shiraz) grapes have been re-established at Kalimna and should, therefore, add to the fame of the Barossa.

A number of wines from the Barossa are available in the Bond including two reds from Penfolds:

BIN 28 - Kalimna Dry Red, made from Shiraz grapes, is a soft, dry, claret style of consistent quality and reasonably priced @ \$2.75.

BIN 2 - A Blend of Shiraz and Mataro grapes, the latter helping to make a wine which matures earlier than straight Shiraz but, nevertheless, ages well. Always pleasant drinking, it is also \$2.75.

Letter from Home

August has been a very quiet month generally, although Wednesday 11th August was a very special night.

Almost since the beginning of the school year the homes of "kinder" children have rung with small voices singing snatches of favourite negro songs. Children from 1st and 2nd classes have been strutting around practising their lines and movements all in preparation for the Primary and Infants' School Concert.

Rawson Hall was filled to overflowing with proud mums and dads, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles, friends and visitors waiting in eager anticipation. The curtain finally rose on the first scene - the Nigger Minstrel Show performed by the Kindergarten children. Their costumes were delightful. Marianne and Gary Ryan had been very busy making boater hats for the boys and wigs so that they all had lovely black curly hair which, with their blackened faces, made their white shirts really stand out. Each boy had a huge bow tie, cumberbund and ribbon round his hat in the same colour. The girls were real little "mammies" - brightly coloured skirts, white blouses and scarves around their heads, large rings dangling from their ears! It was all very colourful and they all sang with great gusto such songs as "Oh Susanna", "Old Black Joe" - who I might add was very convincing as he hobbled around the stage with his stick. During each song a small group gave a little dance or enacted the words of the song, whilst the other niggers and mammies strummed their ukuleles and guitars. Undoubtedly, the star of the show was little Glen Buffett who sang in a clear strong voice "Old Black Joe". Congratulations to Fay Bataille, their teacher, for training them so well and having the patience to do so!!

Maureen Taverner's group was next. Her class enacted the story of "Sleeping Beauty". I thought it was superb. No spoken words, just actions to the music. Daniel Probett was very regal as the King and Michelle Smith, his Queen, was very proud of their baby daughter. They invited the

ladies and gents of their Court to pay homage to their new daughter after which they all expressed their happiness in a lovely dance. Rachel Neubauer, dressed convincingly in black, appeared behind the bassinette to cast her spell over the princess. Then followed a scene which showed Marguerita Sampson as the lovely young princess wandering through the gardens picking flowers from the colourful bushes - Gregory Magri looked as though he was really enjoying being a bush! Then the princess took her seat at the spinning wheel, pricked her finger and instantly fell into a deep sleep, as did her ladies-in-waiting and guards. The next scene showed Christopher Baker as the handsome prince arriving on his fine horse. He finally chopped his way through the "wriggling" trees and bushes to find the princess whom he awakened with the legendary kiss. Of course there was then great rejoicing. It was a beautiful scene, the costumes were very colourful and all participants received hearty applause from the audience.

"Ding, dong the wicked witch is dead", is still being sung by children in the playground. Mrs. Jenny Hughes chose for the second class children the popular musical "The Wizard of Oz". Larissa Behrendt, as Dorothy, amazed everyone. She had a long part to remember, including a number of songs - she didn't forget any of the words at all and even sang "Over the Rainbow" really well too. "Buggsie" Robertson was splendid as the Straw Man, as were Alan Anderson as the Tin Man and Phillip Charge as the Lion. When Dorothy and her friends finally found the Wizard of Oz, Stephen Bruce, they still had a further task to fulfil before the Wizard would grant their wishes. They had to rid the land of the Wicked Witch, played by Angela Hobbins who had a green face for the occasion! This they finally did, so the Straw Man was rewarded with a brain, the Tin Man received a heart and the Lion was given "courage" in a bottle. What a tremendous performance, the remaining children in the class playing in the supporting cast.

During a short interval the audience was very pleased to learn from Deputy

Headmaster Chris Hughes that the door takings together with proceeds from the raffle amounted to \$516.50. Ross Wiltshire was the lucky winner of the cassette player and "Daddy" Adams won the lady's shawl.

Susan Laing introduced the section of the programme performed by Class 3 children. By song and word the audience was taken back to the "good old school days" with slate boards on their knees and being disciplined by the master's cane.

Susan kept the audience intrigued with her two buckets, tipping water from one to the other. I thought the children on the stage were going to be her intended victims, but, not so, it was the audience! There was great hilarity as the trick back-fired. The pieces of paper wouldn't leave the bucket! Susan gave such a terrific heave with her second attempt she lost bucket and all.

Third class concluded a most enjoyable evening with the singing of the Pitcairn Anthem.

Cuisenaire, 'lots of', flash cards, Tutor systems, sentence makers - they're all part of the new language used in education, and it's almost a case of parents going back to school to learn it all in order to keep up with the children. On Tuesday, 17th August, there was Open Night at the Norfolk Island Central School - part of Education Week.

On display were many examples of work done by the children during the year. Teachers and children had obviously put hours of effort into decorating their rooms and setting out their work. Miss Bataille's kindergarten room was most colourful - and full of all the latest in educational toys. In fact, everything to make learning a real pleasure.

It was most interesting to see in Mrs. Maureen Taverner's room just what a jump there is next year for the kinder children. The children's work books were grouped on each child's desk. Mums and Dads and others interested could see at a glance that First Class children learn all sorts of other things besides reading, writ-

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ing and arithmetic! My interest was centred on Kinder and First Class, but I did wander through the other classrooms as well, reading short stories and poems pinned on the walls. I was quite taken with Lester Semple's room and wondered whether the solitary confinement dungeon was for the pupils or the teacher!

An item of interest found in the 'Guinness Book of Records' - Australia's earliest State-assisted school was on Norfolk Island in December 1793, during the term of Lieutenant Philip Gidley King. Today education is paid for by locally raised revenue and supplemented by the P. & C. Association, and the generosity of the community.

The Parents & Citizens Association had also been instrumental in re-introducing lessons of Norfolk Island weaving to the school children. They will also have the opportunity to learn the Norfolk Island language. It's exciting to think that these links with our heritage from Pitcairn Island will not die out.

I was also reading somewhere that one headmaster here - Gustav Quintal - between 1884-1916 had a rather nasty sort of punishment for anyone heard using "unacceptable" language. Cul-

prits were asked to poke their tongues out under water flowing from the tank water tap and Mr. Quintal would then rub the tongue with a tennis ball or brush! How horrible, but I bet it was effective!

Another happy event held recently was the Supper Dance held by the Wives & Mothers Club at which their Mazda truck raffle was to be drawn. The hall was gaily decorated with palms and bright paper flowers. Gary Robertson was the lively MC and the Don Reynolds Trio provided their usual good dance music. During the evening Max was given a spell from the drums by a visitor whilst another visitor supplemented the band with his trumpet. It was great to dance to some good old-fashioned jazz. The drummer looked as though he was really enjoying himself!

Shortly after everyone had filled their "tums" with the tasty supper the scene was set for the drawing of the raffle. Ann Snell, President of the Club, was introduced by Gary. Ann thanked everyone for supporting the raffle and those who had helped organize the evening - a special mention was made of the tremendous job done by Dianne Buffett in organizing the sale of the raffle tickets. There

was great applause and whistles when Ann thanked the husbands for their willing support and co-operation! Many had helped with the decorating while others were busy on the night running the bar for the Club.

Finally, Mrs. Dinah Forsyth drew those fateful marbles from the barrel under the watchful eye of Constable Charge. Third prize of \$50 was won by Martin Quintal. Bob Selby won the second prize of \$100. The Mazda truck was won by Bruce McKenzie - lucky man!

The band then kept the evening swinging till about 12.30 a.m. The raffle raised \$2,900 which is a tremendous boost to the Wives & Mothers Club Playcentre Building Fund.

Sorry I haven't anything further to report for this month. Households are gearing themselves this week for the school holidays and a number of homes are looking forward to billeting the boys from New Zealand who will be playing football against a local team. More about that next month.

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BOB DALKIN, a former Administrator of Norfolk Island and a student of its history, is the author of this pleasant piece about the people for whom "Channers Corner" was named. Mr. Dalkin's book on the old Norfolk cemetery is a current best-seller among Island histories.

THE RECORDED HISTORY of Norfolk Island has been largely confined to the periods of the convict era and the Pitcairn tradition, both equally fascinating. Since about the time of World War I, however, a neglected phase of modern Island history has presented itself and a surprising number of interesting facts have emerged concerning a group of persons who will be readily identified to Norfolk Islanders as "mainlanders". From which mainland they derived is irrelevant but during the past half century or so an increasing number of settlers in this category have claimed the Island as their home.

Many of these people, now dead, have had backgrounds which are of considerably more than passing interest and the two who are the subject of this present note deserve some attention. The sea, and a link with aviation, and Norfolk Island itself are the ingredients for a tale of Channer's Corner.

Many old, and indeed some newer residents of Norfolk Island will well remember that respected couple the Channers of Pacific Cottage, now Channer's Corner.

Commander Arthur Channer, RN, laid to rest in the Kingston Cemetery on the Island died on 29th August 1929. (Look on the eastern side of Bob Edwards' shed at the cemetery if you want to locate his grave). His wife, Emilie Mary Channer, was also buried in the Kingston cemetery, but much later, in June 1968.

Arthur Channer led a full and interesting life before he settled at Norfolk Island early in 1929, less than a year before he died. Born at Allahabad, India, in 1852, he was a son of a colonel of the Royal Artillery. In 1864, before he was twelve years old, he was a cadet in the old and famous Royal Navy training ship *Britannia*. When *HMS Challenger* set out in 1872 on a voyage of scientific discovery that lasted for several

years and took the vessel to many parts of the world Sub-Lieutenant Channer, at age 20, was the youngest officer aboard.

Lord George Campbell's *Log Letters from the Challenger* records that the vessel was commissioned for the voyage in November 1872 by a Captain Nares, RN. Apart from the Naval complement she carried also a scientific staff of naturalists, chemists and physicists.

The *Times* of London said that the *Challenger's* work was "to be of three or four years duration, during which soundings, thermometric observations, dredging and chemical examination of sea water should be carried out continuously, with a view to the more perfect knowledge of the physical and biological conditions of the great ocean basins..."

The success of the *Challenger's* voyage, which of course included the Pacific, is well known; many of the statistics derived during the exploration are still in use. For example, the depth of 4475 fathoms (26,850 feet) recorded in the North Pacific, north west of the Caroline Islands. It was also the *Challenger* which, trawling at a depth of 1600 fathoms, something under two miles, yielded 200 separate specimens of marine life.

Challenger sailed from Sydney for New Zealand on 8th June 1874. She did not, apparently, operate in the vicinity of Norfolk Island but it was probably at this time that young Channer became aware of the existence of the small island on which, many years later, he finally lived for a short while, and died. To quote Lord George Campbell:

"We have 'done' New Zealand, and that miserably! Sixteen days from Sydney to Wellington, ... against a head gale of wind ... a 'leadsman' was washed overboard, and never seen again. Nowhere is there a more abominable stretch of ocean than this

1,100 miles between Sydney and New Zealand... nothing but gales and bad weather."

Challenger resumed her Pacific meanderings and eventually arrived at Tahiti. And this provides one interesting link with the Pitcairners in which young Channer would have been involved. In 1831 87 Pitcairners were moved to Otaheite (Tahiti) but remained there only for about six months. The then very young Queen Pomare received the Pitcairners hospitably (she even formally adopted one of the children) and made a residence available for them. A number died but the survivors later returned to their beloved Pitcairn Island.

When *Challenger* called at Tahiti in 1874 the then ageing Queen Pomare was still alive and in her sixties. She had been ruler of Tahiti for over fifty years from the time she was 14 years of age and she died in 1877. Thus young Arthur Channer would almost certainly have seen, in her later years, the Tahitian Queen who had received so generously the forebears of the people he was to know on Norfolk Island in 1929.

Later in his Naval career Channer was seconded by the Admiralty to the Indian Government and subsequently surveyed and charted the Persian Gulf. Later still he became Superintendent of lighthouse services in Ceylon.

Channer was a great sportsman and a horseman of note. In 1891 he was responsible for persuading the Colombo Club to secure and develop a racecourse which later became the famous Havelock Racecourse of Ceylon. He was for a time secretary of the racing club and the Channer Stakes was an event on the calendar for many years.

It was probably in India or Ceylon that he first met Emilie Mary; she was

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a young governess. They were married in London in 1907. No information is available on Arthur Channer's activities during the period of World War I but by 1914 he was aged 62. They came to Norfolk Island early in 1929. Channer was an invalid during the last few years of his life until he died aged 77: but friends who knew him said that his tremendous spirit and courage never left him. Emilie Mary remained the devoted wife and attendant to her ailing husband.

As a sailor he had expressed the wish to be buried at sea, but this was not to be. "HIC INCIPIT VITA NOVA" - says his headstone - "The new life entrances me here."

So much for the sailor and sportsman and a life at sea, and a short life of retirement on Norfolk Island. There remains Emilie Mary and the connection with aviation.

Most people have probably heard of the famous World War I fighter and pilot ace Major E. (Mick) Mannock, VC, of the Royal Flying Corps and the Royal Air Force. He was born on 24th May 1887. Not only a Victoria Cross winner but also, in 1917, the recipient of the Military Cross and Bar, and in 1918 the Distinguished Service Order and two bars! Almost needless to say the VC was awarded posthumously. After accounting for fifty German aircraft, but what is now accepted as being a higher figure, Mannock met his end at the age of 31 in France on 26th July 1918.

Mrs Emilie Mary Channer was a much loved and respected figure on Norfolk Island. She was 35 years younger than her husband, was his second wife, and was aged 42 when she was widowed.

She was, apparently, reticent about the exploits of her famous relative for Emilie Mary had been a Miss Mannock and was probably a cousin to the famous World War I aviator. Both were born in May of 1887, and there is no record of Mannock having a twin sister. Emilie Mary's father was a Michael Mannock. An early photograph, marked "Mannock", shows Emilie Mary to have been a very handsome young lady. Another interesting and possible link with Norfolk Island is that Major Mannock may have encountered a Norfolk Islander who served in the Royal Flying Corps during World War I. Charles Henry French Nobbs belonged to the RFC; he died in England in 1946 aged 50.

Not only was Emilie Mary reticent about her relative's achieve-



EMILIE CHANNER A FEW YEARS BEFORE THE SNAPSHOT DESCRIBED BY BOB DALKIN.

ments during World War I but she was also reticent about her own.

During that conflict she worked at a hospital in France as a voluntary nurse and the following letter, translated from the French original, tells part, but only part, of the story at that time.

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Director of the
Health Service of
the 10th Region to
Madame Emilie
Channer
Voluntary Nurse
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I have to fulfil a very pleasant duty today that is coupled with a very intense personal pleasure, that of begging you to accept our sincere thanks for the devoted and enlightened care you have lavished upon the sick and wounded soldiers and for the moral and material comfort that you have so generously extended to them. The Director of the Health Ser-

vices of the 10th Region is happy to associate himself with this feeling of gratitude, and begs you to accept with his heartfelt congratulations, the most respected homage.

I enclose herewith the nurses' diploma and the badge of honour.
(Signed) Costs "

Emilie Mary participated in the women's suffragette movement in Britain, led by Emmeline Pankhurst, which campaigned for votes for women. She is said to have taken part in the famous march of suffragettes from Brighton to London.

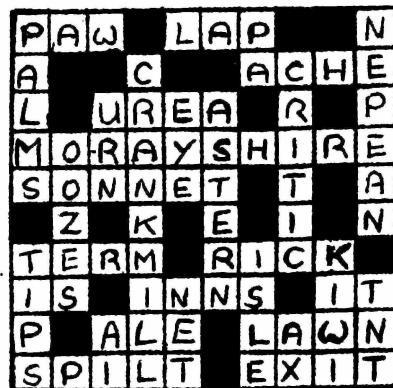
In 1934, after her husband's death, Mrs Channer visited Europe again and no doubt re-lived many of her earlier memories. On Thursday 26th July 1934:

"The Lord Chamberlain (was) commanded by Their Majesties to invite Mrs Arthur Channer to an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace."

A snapshot photograph taken at "Channer's Corner" ("Pacific Cottage") in November 1957 shows Emilie, then aged about 70, long frock, hat, bright scarf and walking stick, still strikingly handsome and with a very gay and essentially Parisienne air about her. . . "On my way to Government House 5.30 pm". Brigadier C.H.B. Norman, DSO, MC, Administrator of Norfolk Island at that time, would have been the host on that occasion.

Emilie Mary Channer died on 24th June 1968 at Norfolk Island, aged 81. Her "badge of honour" was subsequently auctioned with other effects to an unknown buyer. Does anyone on Norfolk know where it is today? The author of these notes arrived on the Island shortly after June 1968 and thus never knew her. It would have been a privilege to have done so.

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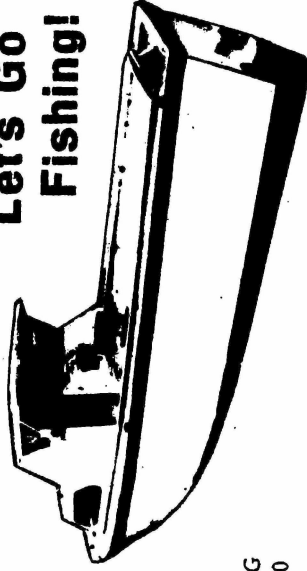
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